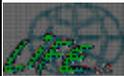
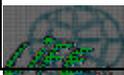
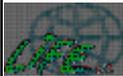


Causing, Mitigating, and Adapting to Climate Change: Does It Make a Difference If You're a Woman or a Man?



Gender makes a difference in relation to many aspects of climate change in different parts of the world. Taking gender into account helps us to determine the full set of causes and potential effects of climate change. And it helps us to protect our climate and adapt to climate change more effectively.





Differences in energy use between women and men: in terms of purposes (caring work, income generating work, leisure) and amounts (men driving cars, and bigger ones).

Transport systems: designed with a view to middle-aged full-time working men, and neglecting women's higher dependency on public transport and their specific needs when they look after children and elderly.



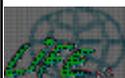


Risk perception: women are more risk sensitive and avert than men.

Mitigation policies: women are less likely to believe in technological fixes for climate change.

But: Very few women are in **decision-making** positions in energy and climate related fields.

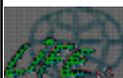
Communication and campaigns: design with a view to gender differences.



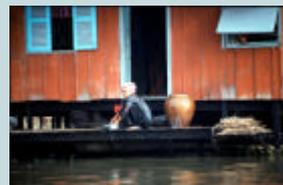
Vulnerability and adaptation are largely social issues.

Gender aspects include:

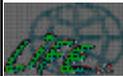
- ? The **feminization of poverty**: the poor will be most affected.
- ? Gender **inequalities in education**: girls will drop out of school to fetch water and firewood.



- ? The **gendered division of labour**: women care for children, elderly and sick.
- ? Gender **injustice in power and decision-making**: women are often not included in planning and community development.
- ? Women play crucial roles in **preventing and resolving conflict**.



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Recommendations

- ? Gender analysis: what do climate protection policies mean for women and men? Are there differences? And how can they be addressed to ensure gender and climate justice?
- ? In what ways are women and men vulnerable to climate change?
- ? But also: What are the strengths and skills of women and men that policies need to build on?



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We need to address climate change with the utmost urgency – in solidarity, and doing justice to all people: young and old, South and North, East and West, women and men, girls and boys.

We can only achieve this bold goal if we come together as a community: mutual respect, joint responsibility, consultation, collaboration.



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Thank you!

