Gender Mainstreaming Toolbox





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Our goal is that all the work that Diakonia supports should contribute to **increased gender equality.** This means that all the projects we support must have:

- Gender analysis as part of the basis of the project
- Objectives with a gender perspective
- Activities with a gender perspective
- Indicators that measure whether the project contributes to increased gender equality
- Monitoring and Evaluation with a gender perspective

This Tool deals with Activities.



When you write or assess a proposal, ask these questions about the activities:

- Will women and men be able to **participate equally** in the activities? If not, how can activities be changed to ensure this?
- Are the planned activities appropriate to women and men's roles and responsibilities? If not, how can activities be changed to ensure this?
- Do they take into account women and men's capacities and ability to participate fully? If not, how can activities be changed to ensure this?
- Are there any specific activities planned to address existing gender related inequalities or gender based violence etc? If, how can activities be changed to ensure this?
- Do both women and men have the time to participate in the activities?
- Does the activity schedule for community members take **workload** (inside and outside the home) into consideration?

- Will there be any unintended negative impact on women or men because of the project? (For example: Will women's workload increase because of project activities?) If so, how will this be mitigated?
- Can staff access all members of the community?
- Are female staff needed to consult with women?
- Are male staff needed to consult with men?
- Do the activities involve local **women's rights organisations?** If not, how can we build such relationships?
- Because of gender inequality, women and men have different access to power and resources, different kinds of information, different access to justice, etc. This means that it is often necessary to design activities specifically directed at women so that they can strengthen skills, build confidence, articulate their demands, develop their agenda, etc.
- For the same reason, it is often necessary to design activities specifically directed at men so that they can raise their awareness of the importance of gender equality.





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