



KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

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# Brief background and overview

- Eswatini has been experiencing climate change impacts.
- Some of the impacts are increasing recurrence and magnitude of droughts, increases in flash flooding resulting in landslides and accelerated erosion, and changes in rainfall patterns.
- These impacts are affecting the people of Eswatini through increasing food insecurity and poverty levels and affecting water and energy supply.
- The frequency and intensity of extreme climate events is expected to rise, posing significant risks to Eswatini's economy, its people's livelihoods, and the sustainability of its natural resources base.

# Policy and legislative frameworks on Climate Change and Gender

- **National Gender Policy 2023**
  - Focus Area: **ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**
- **National Climate Change Policy 2016**
  - acknowledges the gender differentiated issues and impacts of climate change,
  - recognizing that women are disproportionately affected, due to their role and dependence for livelihoods on the environment.

# Policy and Legal Frameworks Cont...

- National Social Development Policy 2010 (under Review):
  - includes gender as a cross-cutting issue
  - independent area on gender equality highlighting the contribution gender inequality has on vulnerability of individuals and families.

# Gender integration in local, national, or regional climate change actions

- Eswatini aligning to LIMA framework on Gender and Climate Change – MoTEA (Climate Change Unit)
- National Coordination Framework in place and include Gender - Climate Change TWG
- Eswatini not far off on Gender Parity and representation of vulnerable groups in Decision making positions in the sector

# Integration cont...

- National Policy commitments – Strategies and Action Plans include clear actions for Gender and Climate Change
- NDCs 2022 for Eswatini have clear Gender Indicators and baselines as well as targets
- NDP 2022/23 – 2026 – focuses on Climate Change and Gender as critical cross-cutting thus to be mainstreamed across government planning (sectors)

# Gender Responsive Climate-Related Programmes

- NDC Partnership:
- Green Climate Fund:
- World Resources Institute (WRI):
- Gender Responsive NDC Action Plans:

# Capacity and Policy gaps that hinder the participation of women, youth, and vulnerable groups

- **Women as beneficiaries:** framing of women within the policies often is focused on vulnerability, but some sectors have moved beyond women as vulnerable and positioned them as beneficiaries of initiatives.
- **A narrow and generalized focus on women:** Whenever women are discussed, sociocultural and socioeconomic nuances are homogenized and generalized.



# Capacity and Policy Gaps cont...

- **Policy:**
  - **Domestication of Climate-change and Gender related instruments in policy**
  - **Develop and capacitate government sectors on integration**
  - **Enhance support from gender machinery for government to mainstream**
  - **Enhance coordination of gender responsive climate related actions**

# Recommendations

- Develop and engage a roster of national gender experts
- Conduct public outreach about climate-change policy processes and means for engagement, targeting historically marginalized groups, including women.
- Revise the language in the NDC and climate related policies and plans to recognize women as equal stakeholders and agents of change in climate-change processes.

# Recommendations

- Work toward achieving gender balance in climate-change decision-making processes and implementation of initiatives (e.g. project teams and local level stakeholders or beneficiaries involved).

# Recommendations

- **Capacity:**

- Commission and require a basic level of gender training for all staff in climate-related sectors
- engagement of women in climate-related actions, providing the necessary training on the technical issues
- Leverage learning from sectors that have historically focused on gender issues

# Recommendations

- Develop a communications and outreach plan to disseminate news, policy updates, guidance notes, good practices, and case studies on gender and climate change to relevant ministries and their partners
- sharing learning on gender and climate change across all of the relevant sectors

# Thank you !! Siyabonga!!