

For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment

In Southeast Asia, women are taking risks to fight the climate crisis, but gender inequality must be addressed to reach climate goals.

Women and girls are:

14x

times more likely than men to die during a climate disaster

80%

people displaced by climate change to date are women.

Source: Lily LaMattina. (2022, June 23). Women Are Key to Climate Action in Southeast Asia. Stimson Center. <https://www.stimson.org/2022/women-are-key-to-climate-action-in-southeast-asia/>

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200
million hours

**Globally women and girls
collectively spend their time every
day fetching water from far-off
wells, rivers, and collection points.**

**This opportunity cost is often
as major as an annual
economic loss.**

7%
GDP

Source: Ambika Vishwanath. (2022, March 2022). *The Women, Water, & Policy Nexus*.
Stimson Center. <https://www.stimson.org/2022/the-women-water-and-policy-nexus/>

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Water management and policymaking have traditionally been **male-dominated**, with **women's roles** in water decision-making, especially in international and transboundary contexts, **often unrecognized and overlooked**.

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“The number of women representatives in water projects and boards should not be the sole goal, neither the ultimate objective of gender mainstreaming. Having women in planning bodies alone doesn’t guarantee that gender issues are mainstreamed; it is a much wider process. The presence of women in water projects won’t radically influence the impact of the project if the women have not been included in the design phase and if the projects have not integrated all gender needs and set objectives that are gender-sensitive and beneficial for all.”

Dibya Kansakar,
retired employee of the Department of Water Resources and Irrigation, Nepal.

The Global Water Partnership (GWP), particularly in Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia (GWP-SEA), has made significant strides in including women in water management and decision-making processes.

This reflects a growing recognition of the critical role women play in addressing water challenges at both the domestic and international levels.

