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on
Gender Issues in Himalaya**



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Concept Note

The Himalayan region is a highly diverse and dynamic– geographically, biologically, and culturally which is undergoing rapid change because of the impacts by many drivers, especially global socio-economic shift, demographic change, environmental and climate crisis. The issues of women and men in mountain region are complex. Mountain communities are adapting their livelihoods and lifestyles to new challenges and opportunities brought by the ongoing changes. However, growing economic wealth; increasing integration in global markets; increasing seasonal and permanent migration; changes in values, norms, and livelihoods; changes in land-use patterns; and changes in ecosystem compel to new ways of participation of women and men in development and decision-making.

In recent decades, women's lives in the mountains have come closer to the mainstream economically; due to policy and development interventions; improved infrastructure; and growing linkages to national, regional, and international markets. New employment opportunities, rising education levels, and emerging aspirations mean that the 'Rural way of life' is often no longer limited to the traditional rural-based existence. Education has led to a fundamental cultural change that brings empowerment and new responsibilities that are linked to democratization. Development policy still does not acknowledge the fact that women do a large proportion of the agrarian work in mountain. The deep-seated social inequalities still hinder women's voice, participation in community development.

Women play a central role in maintaining and improving the wellbeing of the families and society. Yet, they are rarely acknowledged as agents of change with roles and responsibilities, capacities, knowledge, skills, and competencies they have. Women play leadership roles in formal and informal local networks and organizations. Gender blind projects prevent women from participating effectively in making decisions that hinders inclusive economic, political, and social development. Although women are slowly closing the gender gap but still there are lacking in equal access to education, social services, financial credit, assets, and appropriate technologies to give them an equal platform.

With increasing national wealth and ongoing socioeconomic development, new norms and values have entered the lives of people in the Himalayas -- and old norms and values are changing. These changes affect men and women differently and changing gender relations, status, and expectations. However, despite all the positive developments, women are still not represented well, do not have a fair share of the resources, and are not seen as the important contributors to improved wellbeing in society . This issue needs to be deeply studied that despite being such changes, interventions the lives of women are not as empowered as it needs to be.

Themes

- * Gender Related Macro Economic Policies
- * Societal Expectations and Roles
- * Gender Parity in the Local Workforce
- * Financial Inclusion for Entrepreneurship
- * Redefining Leadership
- * Education, Employment and Women Empowerment
- * Governance & Women Safety
- * Gender related Conflict
- * Meta-Son Preferences
- * Gender and Education
- * Gender Equality/Youth Identity in Digital Age
- * Role of E-Governance in Empowering Rural Women
- * Legal Reforms & Women Empowerment
- * Breaking Labels and Gender Stereotypes
- * Cross-Cultural Contexts on Women Empowerment
- * **Women** and Sustainable Development (Socio-Economic and Environment)
- * Climate Change, Migration and Women
- * **UN** Sustainable Development Goals and the Role of Women
- * Economic Growth and Gender Equality
- * **Gender** Base Budgeting
- * Empowering Women at Grass Root Levels
- * **Women** and Technology
- * **Indigenous** Technology and Economic Empowerment of Rural Women

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