

Gender Audit of Kenya's Climate Change Governance: A draft Report

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THE ASSIGNMENT

1. Analyse key institutions working towards gender mainstreaming in climate change
- 2. *Analyze the overall levels of gender awareness***
- 3. *Assess the existing capacity and resources devoted for mainstreaming gender in climate change***
4. Identify good practices, successes and challenges faced by the specific institutions
5. Identify opportunities to enhance mainstreaming of gender within the institutions
6. Recommend practical ways for increased gender-responsiveness in addressing climate change

Key findings: Institutional capacities, Resources and Awareness

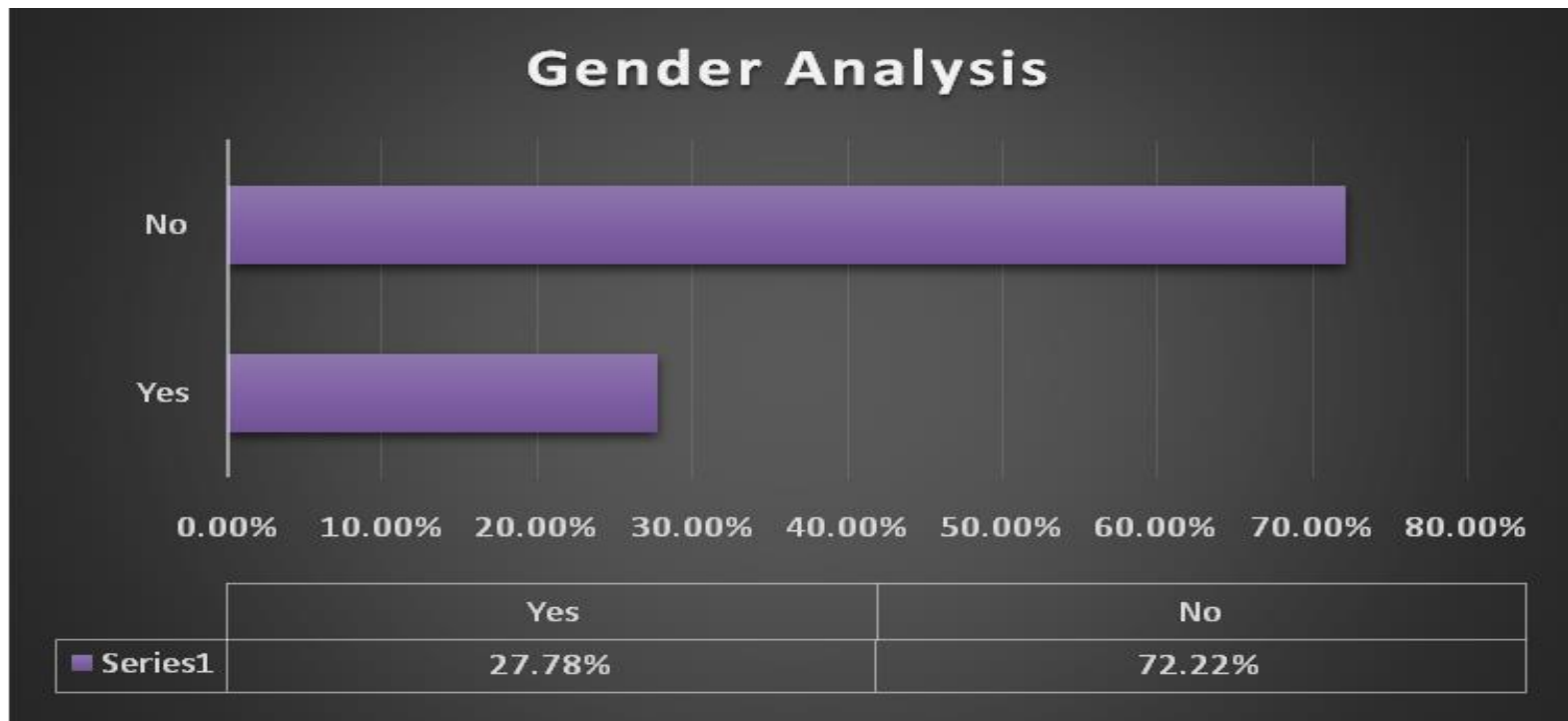
- Weak institutional capacities to respond to climate change let alone the gender aspects were noted
- Manifested in terms of inadequate human resource (eg in NEMA, one officer is charged with climate change issues nationally despite having two key roles of DNA and NIE -overwhelmed ; same to OPM)
- Inadequate/lack of skills and knowledge about gender; only 29% received training on gender mainstreaming

Key findings

- Climate change still perceived as a highly-technical male domain (eg in the MEMR climate change secretariat, only one female- the Ag director, out of six members)
- Over 67% of the respondents said they do not have gender related goals or objectives in their climate change programmes and only 33% do
- General awareness of about gender (and its relationship with climate change) by many climate change focal points is very low (43% understood gender as socio-cultural roles ascribed to a man or woman; while 18% considered it to address the needs and concerns of both men and women);

Key findings

- 72% (Fig 1) have not conducted a gender audit, partly due to lack of capacity/ knowledge and understanding of gender and the intimate linkage with climate change



Recommendations

- Strengthen institutional capacity to tackle climate change
- Promote dialogue and interactive sessions between climate change coordinators/focal points and gender desk officers
- Raise awareness and build capacity on gender and climate change nexus towards gender-responsive and climate smart programming and policy development
- Strive to conduct individual-institutional-based gender audit for climate change programmes and governance

THANKS!