Progress of Gender Resource Group
UIBN Pakistan Country Chapter

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Background

• Women living in poverty are most vulnerable to water food-energy insecurities.

• Although women are heavily involved in all three sectors, policies on water, food and energy neglect the role of women as important stakeholders for decision-making and problem-solving.

• Addressing gender inequalities and advancing women empowerment are central to achieving access to water, food and energy.
Introduction & Formation of GRG, UIBN, Pakistan

Gender scenario of Pakistan

Importance of gender network

Member identification process

Gender and food, water and energy nexus issues

Mapping of existing network

Meeting with UIBN country chapter meeting

Consultation on formation of gender resource network for UIBN
Thematic Areas of Working

Water  Energy
Land    food
Roles and Responsibilities of GRG

- Creation of knowledge through researches
- Ensuring visibility of women through stories collection, Advocacy and Policy Development
- Collaboration, partnership and linkage development with stakeholders at local, national and regional level
- Capacity building, awareness raising of women leaders and communities in gender issues
Outcomes

- Better representation of women from grassroots level organizations, govt line departments and NGOs

- A meeting of this group was held on COVID19 impacts on women and actions taken by various members, the gaps and what needs to be done.

- Collaborations between members, also with ICIMOD gender team on webinars, activities, ideas on trainings on gender

- Sharing resources and information from all over Pakistan among members and with ICIMOD such as in CUTS survey

- More respondents for survey on COVID-19 from Pakistan as compare to other countries
GRG members progress 2022

• Rural leader conference
• Amplifying the Voices of Pakistani Rural Women in COP26
• National Working Women’s Day in Pakistan 22 December
• 16 Days Of Activism Against Gender Based Violence
• On National Voters Day
• Development and Implementation of RSPN Beneficiaries Safeguarding Policy
• Capacity building of rural Community Women on Leadership in Balochistan
• Capacity building of RSPs GRG members on implementation on "The Protection Against Harassment of Women at the workplace Act 2010"
• Formation of Women Community Organisation (COs) in 9 districts of Balochistan
• Knowledge creation and sharing, policy advocacy on water and women
• Transgender Bill and Policy Committee
• Home Based Workers Bill Steering Committee
• Early Marriage Bill Committee
• Malpractices in aesthetic procedures Committee
• Women Property Issues Committee
• Committee on Legislative Scrutiny of Workplace Harassment Against Women Act
• After a lot of advocacy, the KP Domestic Violence Against Women Act 2021 was passed.
• Anti Rape Ordinance Provincial Committee notified, and KPCSW also member of National Anti-Rape Committee
Progress of NCSW, GB chapter bill passed by GB Assembly
Policy dialogues and advocacy on women issues with various stakeholders
Recommendations

• GRG should make One year capacity building program of its members and actively engage them in the six technical working groups of UIBN

• In this current year, GRG should devise its five-year strategic plan

• Social media presence

• Engage members at gross root level through different initiative at community level to raise the awareness on the role of women and water, water conservation and enhance the capacities of women in water sector
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