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# Promoting Gender Equality and Enhancing Climate Change Response in ADB Operations

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# ADB's Corporate Gender Targets

- 55% of the total number of ADB's committed sovereign and non-sovereign operations (on a 3-year rolling average) will be categorized as GEN/EGM by 2030
- No more than 25% of projects are NGE
- 80% of completed sovereign and non-sovereign operations deliver intended gender equality results by 2024

*Category 1: Gender Equality Theme (GEN)*

*Category 2: Effective Gender Mainstreaming (EGM)*

*Category 3: Some Gender Elements (SGE)*

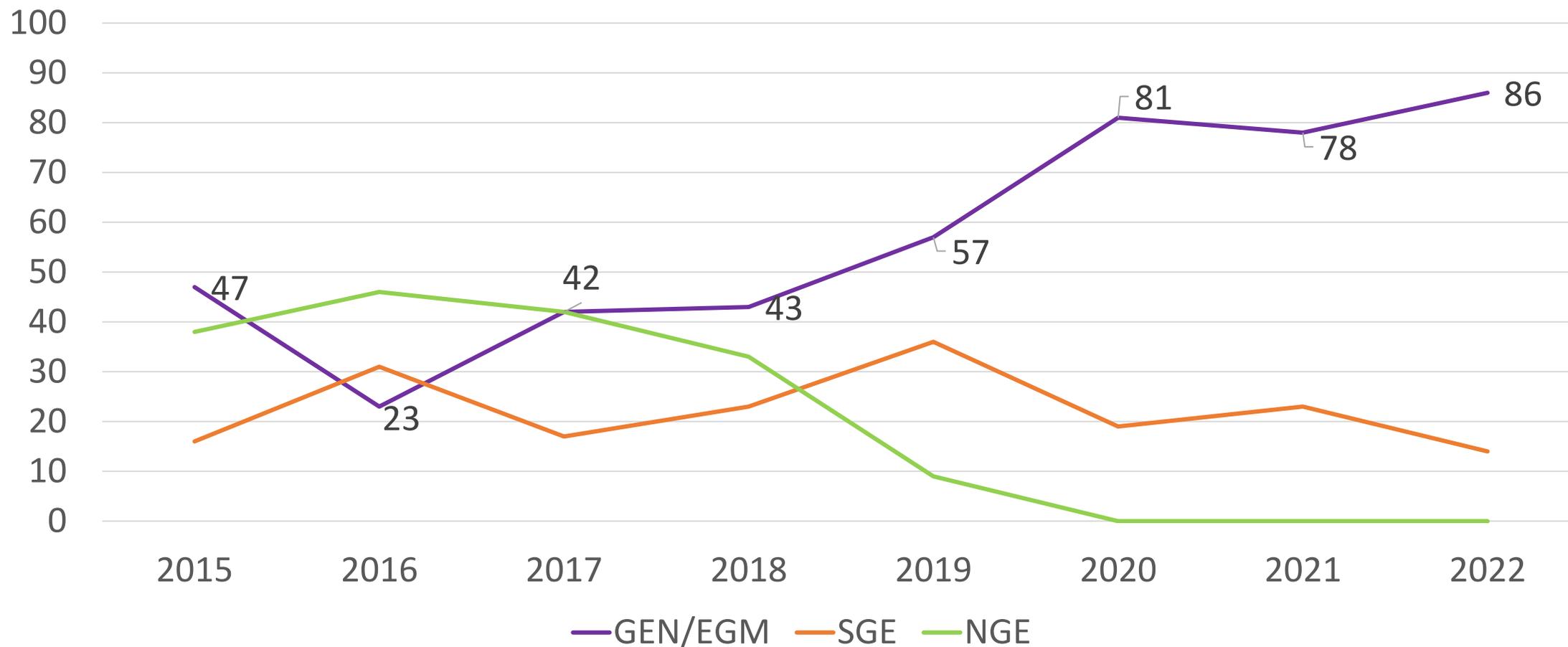
*Category 4: No Gender Elements (NGE)*



# Gender Mainstreaming in CWRD Sovereign Operations



## Gender Mainstreaming At-Entry, 2015-2022









## ADB is Asia and the Pacific's Climate Bank

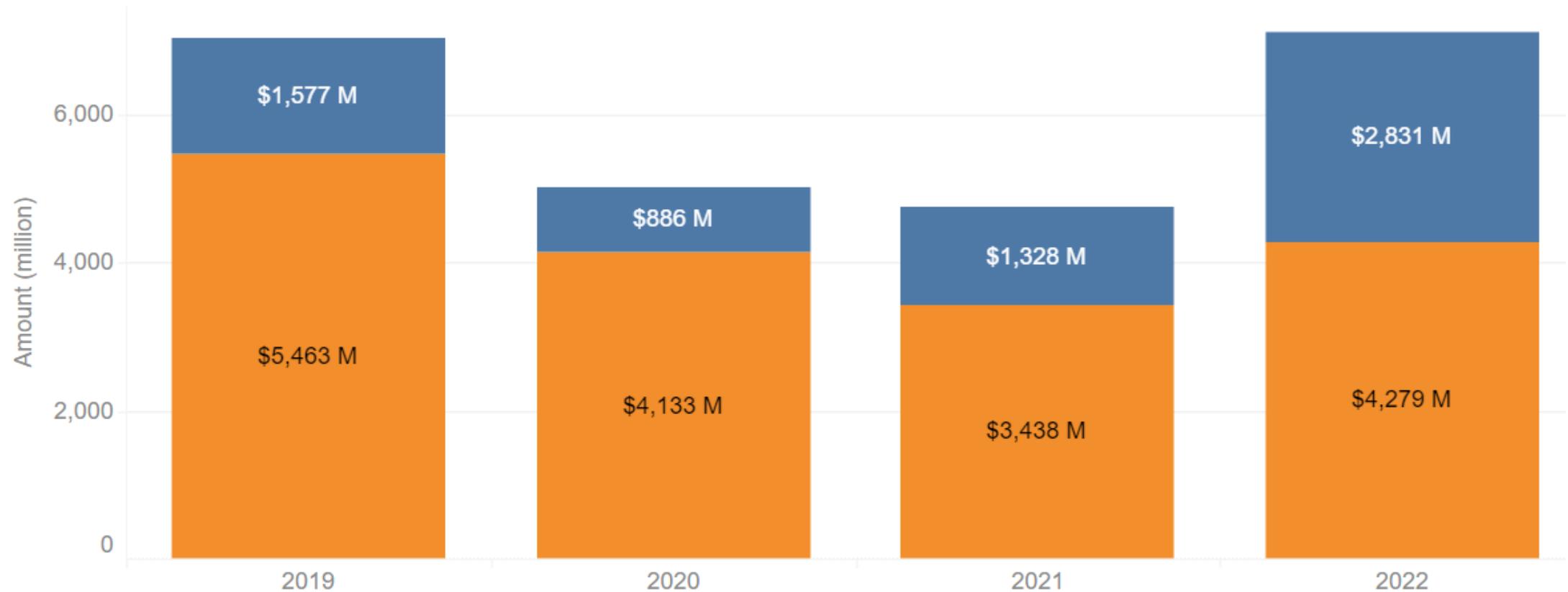
- Increased climate investments up to \$6 billion annually, 2015-2020
- Climate risk screening and management and operational frameworks on climate change
- Disclosure on project-level data for all climate projects
- Accredited by the Green Climate Fund



# ADB Climate Finance Commitments, 2019-2022

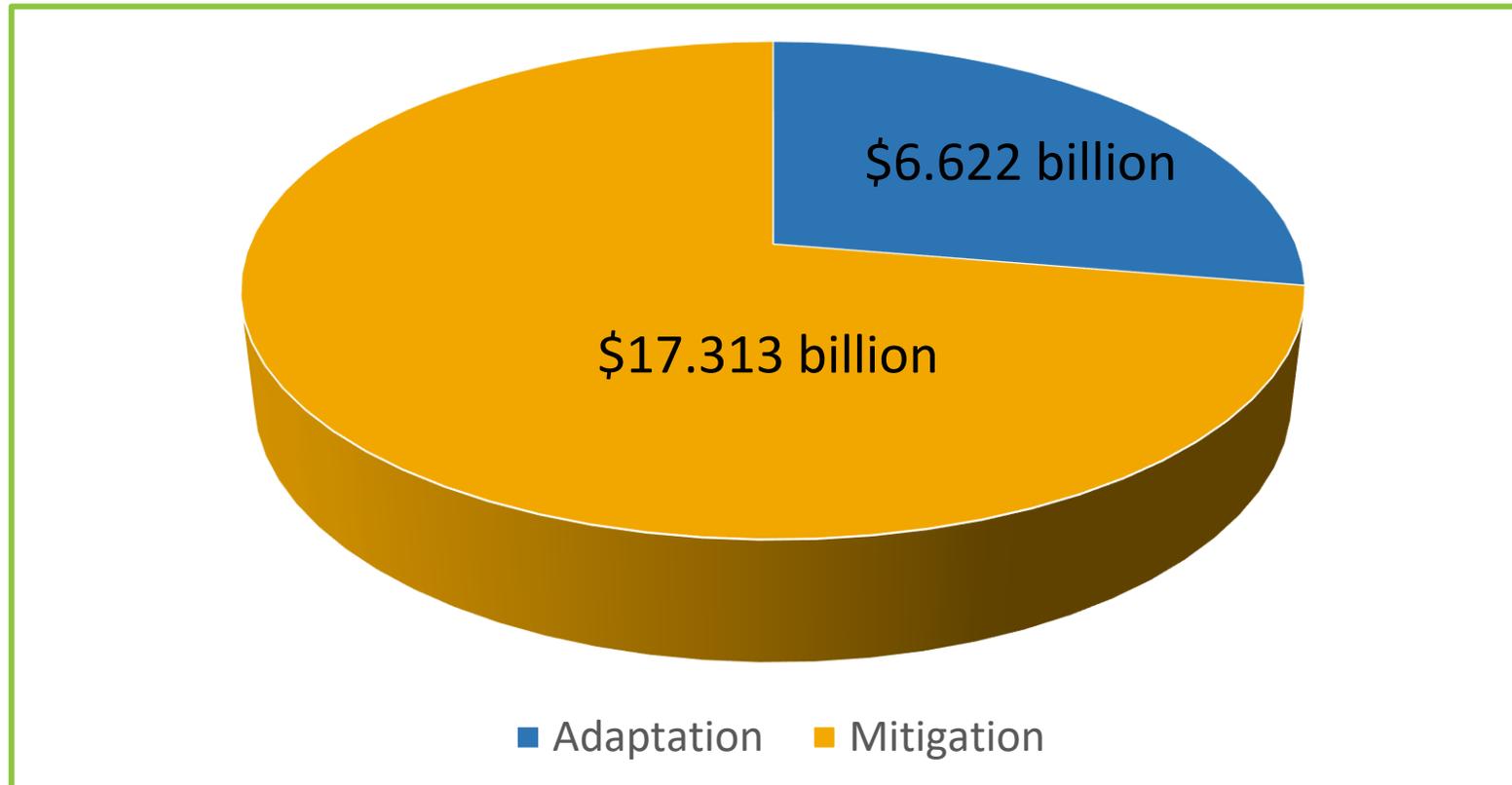


■ Adaptation    ■ Mitigation



Source: Asian Development Bank (March 2023)

# ADB Climate Finance Commitments, 2019-2022



- CWA share, 2019-2022: \$4.039 billion
- 2023 CWA Climate Change Financing Target: \$981 million



# Why Do We Need to Strengthen Gender Mainstreaming in ADB Operations and Climate Change Response?



# Why Strengthen Gender Mainstreaming?



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While everybody is affected by climate change, women – due to their gender roles - bear the brunt of climate change impact.

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Structural disparities persist, further exacerbating the impact on vulnerable groups.



# Gender and Climate Change in ADB Operations: Good Practice Examples



# Pakistan: Peshawar Sustainable Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project



## Background

- \$335 million loan, cofinanced by AFD (\$150 million loan)
- Committed in September 2017; closed in December 2022
- Contributed to improving air quality and lowering carbon emissions

## Approach to Gender Mainstreaming

- Safety, security, and mobility within a sustainable transport project
- GBV response and preventive measures integrated in infrastructure and other project outputs

## Gender Design Features

- Safe travel program: capacity building; multimedia campaign; help desks
- Institutionalize social and gender-responsive policies and procedures
- Infrastructure designed to promote clean air, but also prevent harassment

# Armenia: Electric Networks of Armenia (ENA) Investment Program Phase 2



## Background

- \$20 million loan, committed in July 2021; C
- Co-financed by Leading Asia's Private Infrastructure Fund (\$15 million loan)

## Approach to Gender Mainstreaming

- Ensure reliable electricity supply, especially in the provinces, while investing in over 800 job opportunities for women in the energy sector
- Reconstruct the distribution network, upgrade outdated substation equipment, reconstruct cable lines, repair and renovate ENA's facilities, and install new customer connections in Armenia's provinces

## Gender Design Features

- Mitigate climate change challenges while strengthening environmental, social, and technical standards and improving management capacities
- Leadership training for at least 30 female staff and at least 10 internships for female university students;
- Equal opportunity policies on the hiring, retention, and promotion of female staff, and combatting sexual harassment; and
- Awareness raising on support services for survivors of gender-based violence

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