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Promoting Gender Equality and Enhancing Climate Change Response in ADB Operations

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Strategy 2030 aims to support ADB member countries in contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals





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Operational Priority 2: Accelerating Progress in Gender Equality

Strategic Operational Priorities

Women's economic empowerment increased

Gender equality in human development enhanced

Gender equality in decision making and leadership enhanced

Women's time poverty and drudgery reduced

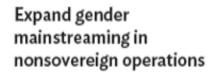
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Women's resilience to external shocks strengthened

--- Operational Approaches

Scale up gender mainstreaming in operations across sectors and themes

Integrate Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5's "transformative" gender agenda, e.g., economic assets and resources for women, unpaid care and domestic work, digital technology/ ICT, and gender-based violence



Tackle multiple gender inequalities through integrated solutions, e.g., livable cities program



Develop capacity of developing member countries and clients in tracking and achieving gender-related SDGs

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 nonsovereign operations deliver intended gender equality results by 2024

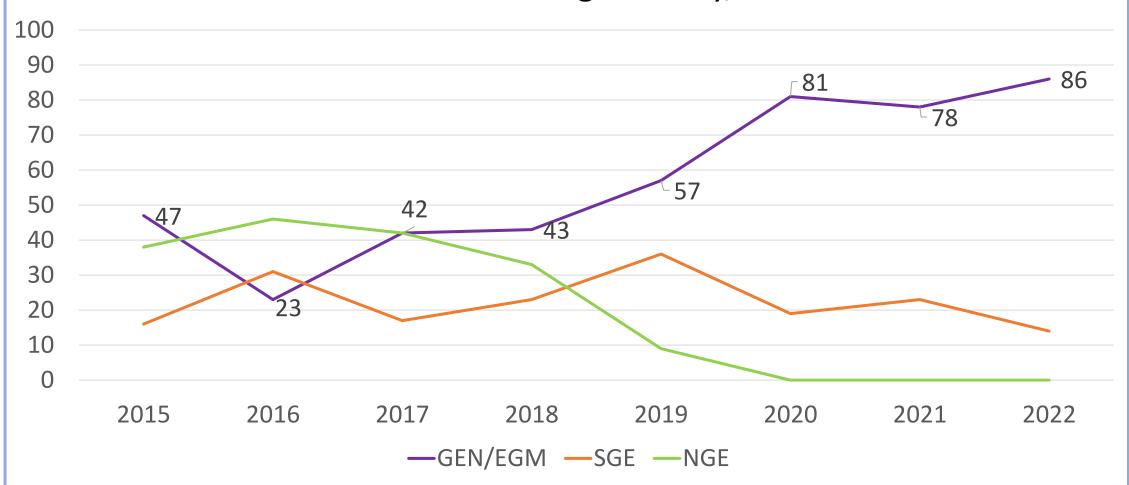
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Gender Mainstreaming in CWRD Sovereign Operations



Gender Mainstreaming At-Entry, 2015-2022



Gender Mainstreaming At-Exit, 2015-2022





Operational Priority 3 Tackling Climate Change, **Building Climate and Disaster Resilience, and Enhancing Environmental Sustainability**



75% of committed sovereign and non-sovereign operations (on a 3-year rolling average) will be supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation by 2030



Climate and disaster resilience built

Mitigation of

increased

climate change

Strategic Operational Priorities



Environmental sustainability enhanced

Water-food energy security nexus



Natural capital and healthy oceans

Environmental governance

Physical (climate-proof), eco-based, financial, social, and institutional

> Air and water pollution management

Clean air and water, waste management Climate-smart



Climate and disaster Resilience





Green business and jobs

Operational Approaches

Sustainable transport and urban development

agriculture and

sustainable

land use

Clean

energy

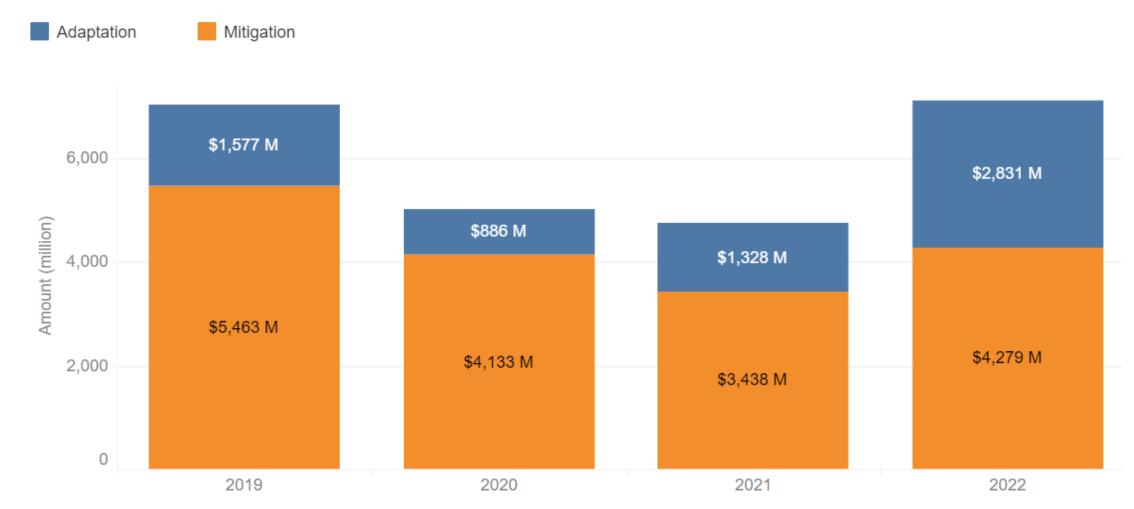


ADB is Asia and the Pacific's Climate Bank

- 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



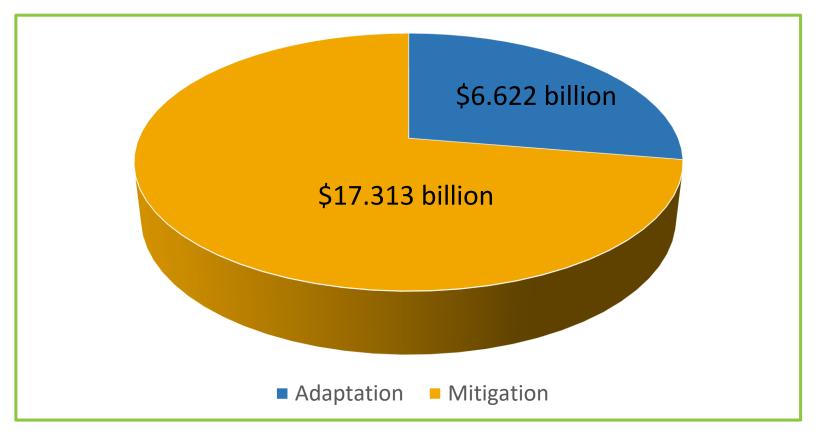


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ADB Climate Finance Commitments, 2019-2022





- 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?





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

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 genderresponsive 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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