

# Gender and Social Inclusivity in Restoration Projects – how does policy intent get diluted?



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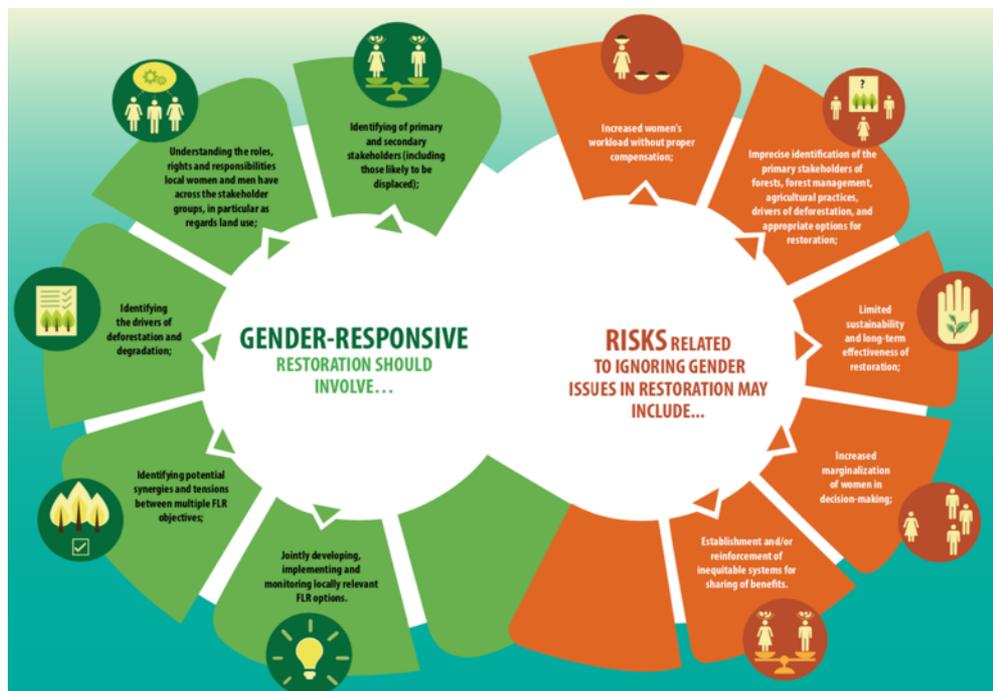
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# Gender in landscape restoration, a case of Ethiopia

1. Understanding how gender is addressed in restoration policies and in tools and manuals that offer guidance to practitioners
2. Examining whether or how gender is addressed in the landscape restoration scientific literature
3. Building the empirical evidence around how gender is addressed in a subset of restoration projects



*Attributes of gender-responsive restoration (Sijapati Basnett et al., 2017: <https://ebrary.ifpri.org/digital/collection/p15738coll9/id/393/>)*

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# How is gender addressed in restoration policies and in tools and manuals in Ethiopia?

- **intent is there, but capacities are often not** – looking for very concrete guidance on how to move forward; but hard to provide very specific guidance because dealing with complex issues, power relations, etc.
- **synergy**: different ministerial mandates, but gender equality/inclusion in restoration requires different sectors to work together: how do we promote that?
- gender not necessarily embedded in restoration-related policy; restoration not embedded in gender-related policy. **Need policy coherence**, and that will also avail more budget to address gender in restoration.

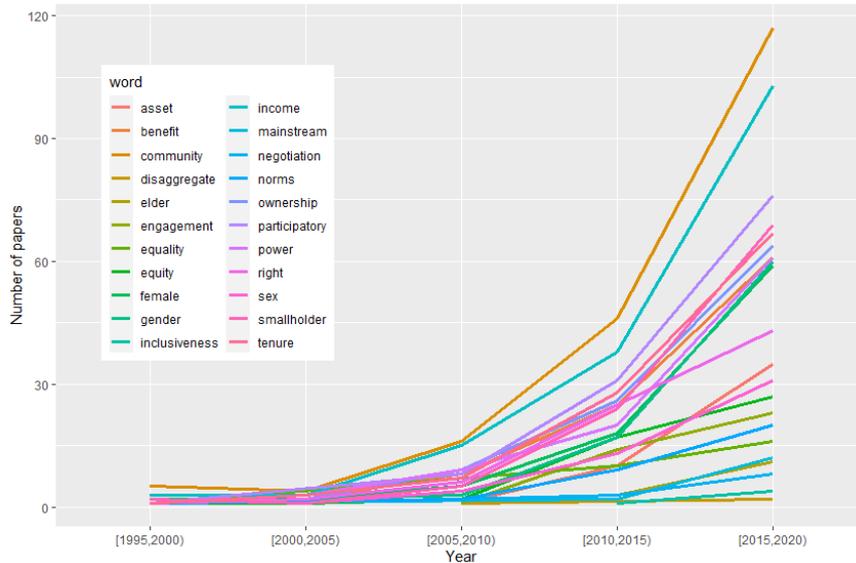
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# How is gender addressed in the landscape restoration scientific literature in Ethiopia?

312 peer reviewed papers

Increasing trend in the use of social inclusive keywords



~ 64% of the publications were categorized as gender blind whereas 33% are gender sensitive



Gender sensitive and transformative key words such as negotiation, mainstreaming, inclusiveness and disaggregated were present only in 3 – 5 papers

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# Empirical evidence in gender dynamics in selected restoration projects in Ethiopia

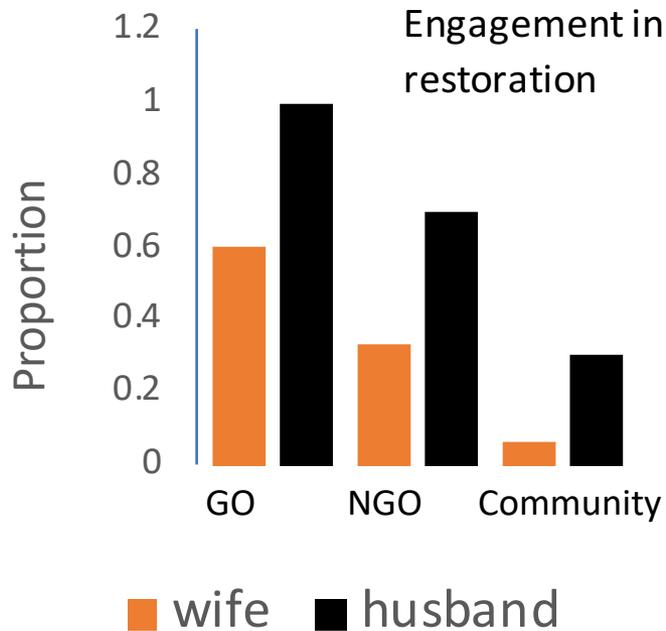


- **Root cause of land degradation:**
  - Men more of biophysical (e.g., slope)
  - Women land management (e.g., lack of crop rotation)
- **Restoration outcomes:**
  - Men and women have similar perspectives on outcomes the restoration measures
- **Engagement in leadership:**
  - More men than women engaged in restoration decision making bodies

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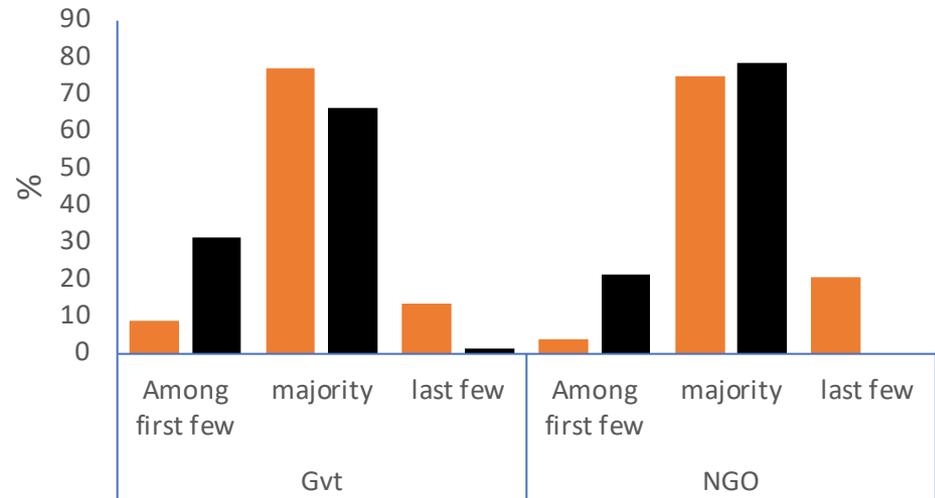


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~ half of women are engaged in government & NGO led restoration projects

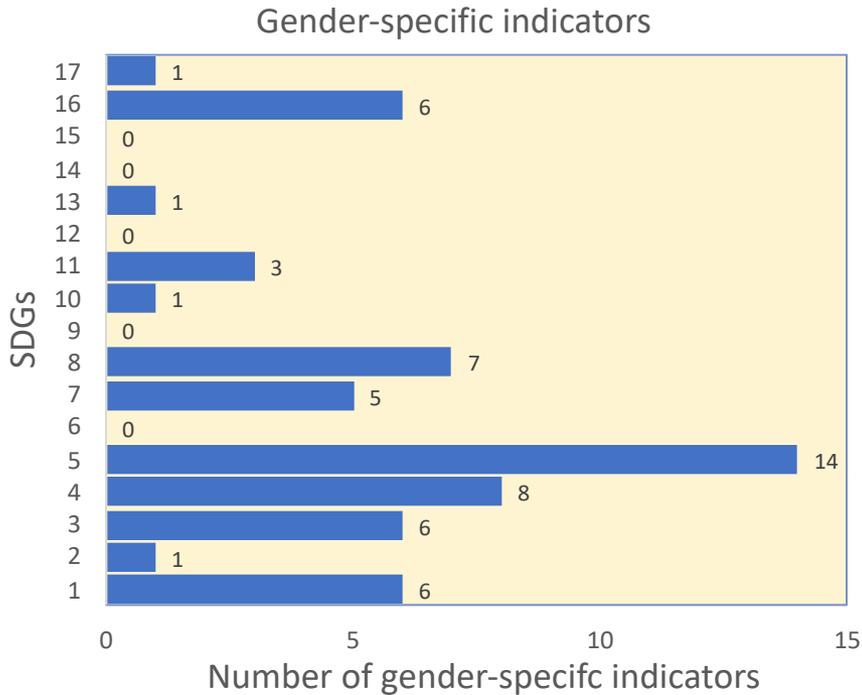
Although women are engaged during community wide consultations, fewer are consulted during first and last rounds of consultations



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# Policycape: SDGs



12 (71%) SDGs have gender-specific indicators

- SDG 6** Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 9** Industry, Innovation and infrastructure
- SDG 12** Responsible consumption and production
- SDG 14** Life below water
- SDG 15** Life on Land

SDG 15.3 Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) has no socio-economic/gender indicator

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# Policyscape: UNCCD

## UNCCD COP 14 Decision 16:

### Refined guidance for the implementation of land degradation neutrality Encourages Parties and other stakeholders to:

- Integrate gender-responsive actions to promote women, youth and girls through the gender-inclusive design of **preliminary land degradation neutrality assessments** recommended by the scientific conceptual framework for land degradation neutrality;
- Develop gender-responsive land degradation neutrality **interventions** based on women's participation in decision-making for enabling inclusive land governance; and
- Take into account gender dimensions responsive to the concerns of women, youth and girls in **land-use planning** and in the design of interventions towards achieving land degradation neutrality;

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## A positive trend in including gender and social inclusion in landscape restoration

- **Initiatives:** e.g., UN decade on ecosystem restoration (2021–2030)
- **Evidence:**
  - Investment into long-term research, including social as well as natural sciences
  - Beyond gender disaggregated data
  - Integrated research approach
- **Approach**
  - Gender mainstreaming is a process rather than a goal
  - Gender is a cross-cutting topic across projects/programs- risk of thinly spreading?

**Policy:** policy intent is there, but capacities are often not

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# Thank you

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