

Climate Change and WASH

Building Climate Resilience of Women and Children

Roundtable Consultation, supported by UNICEF

21st September 2016

10:00 – 10:30	Registration and Tea/Coffee
10:30 – 10:45	Introduction Welcome Note – <i>Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi, Vice President, Development Alternatives.</i> Sharing the Scenario – <i>Lars Bernd, Chief DRR Section, UNICEF</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Expectation Setting and Introduction to the Theme – <i>Syed A A Ishaqi Farhan, Tarang Singh, Deputy managers, Development Alternatives</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Discussion Round 1: Moderated Deliberations on the Practice in Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of WASH interventions for women and children by existing institutions. What are the aspects to consider when assessing whether the interventions are climate sensitive? Spaces for integration of WASH issues addressing vulnerabilities of women and children. <p>Chair: <i>Dr. Åsa Torkelsson, Deputy Representative India, UN Women</i> Discussants: <i>Dr. Avinash Kumar, Director, WaterAid</i> <i>Depinder Kapur, WASH specialist, NIUA</i> <i>Dr. Alok Pandey, Deputy Director, PRIA</i></p>
12:00 – 12:15	Tea/Coffee Break
12:15 – 13:15	Discussion Round 2: Moderated Deliberations on Sharing Good Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme implementation – integration of community action with public programmes – WASH, DRR and climate resilience – focus on reducing vulnerabilities of women & children. Useful / practical tools and methodologies of participatory assessment and awareness generation for enhancing climate resilience. Pathways to sensitising and enhancing climate resilience – good practice adaptation options for communities, village panchayats and district governments. <p>Chairs: <i>AVM (Retd.) Dr. Ajit Tyagi, IMD</i> <i>Dr. Veena Khanduri, India Water Partnership</i> Discussants: <i>Dr. Urvashi Chandra, DRR Officer, UNICEF</i> <i>Vinod Pandey, Team leader, CAF India</i> <i>Rudresh Sugam, Senior Program Lead, CEEW</i></p>
13:15 – 13:30	Concluding Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Remarks: Need for enhancing climate resilience when addressing issues of WASH for vulnerable communities. <p>Vote of Thanks – by Development Alternatives</p>
13:30 onwards	Lunch

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Objective

To collectively understand the pathways of enhancing climate resilience of women and children to withstand climate change impacts on the WASH sector in India.

Climate resilient development has to be driven by appropriate thrusts in finance, markets, policy, skills and capacities as well as take into account an inter-sectoral approach in order to ensure its sustainability. It will require sensitisation of policy makers, and enhanced awareness among the local population. An integrated approach will also need to ensure that WASH strategies take into account the State's Action Plan on Climate Change, while incorporating additional human vulnerabilities.

Participants will bring in perspectives of planning, practice or communication. The discussion will be guided by the following key questions:

1. **What is the state of the existing institutions to facilitate the implementation of WASH interventions for women and children? Are they climate sensitive?**
2. **What are the best practices on ground and case studies that are bringing a connection between policy and practice? What best tools and methodologies are required for participatory assessment and awareness generation for enhancing climate resilience?**
3. **How can the issues highlighted above be mainstreamed in the major policy and planning documents of the states?**
4. **What are the pathways to sensitising and enhancing climate resilience? What are the options available for communities, village panchayats and district governments?**

Expected Outcome

The insights brought forth during the roundtable discussions will be condensed into recommendations and for obtaining a situational understanding of the aforementioned issues in UP, Bihar and Rajasthan. The recommendations and imperatives will also highlight the required investments, policy interventions, capacity building initiatives and define the roles of community institutions.

The outcomes of the discussion would help in better policy formulation, increased awareness and its respective shift towards climate resilient development in the WASH sector. It will be shared with decision makers and actors engaged in policy making and academia, as well as in National Missions, in local Panchayati Raj Institutions and civil society organisations working in the three states.

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