



Extending Service Delivery Project: Best Practice Tools Series # 2



Six Domains of Gender Analysis *An Analytical Tool*

To scale up the use of effective state-of-the-art program approaches, The Extending Service Delivery (ESD) Project has identified and summarized tools and methodologies in the areas of capacity building, quality improvement, effective change, and gender analysis. These tools are drawn from various sources including ESD partners. The purpose of these summary sheets is to share knowledge and promote the use of effective tools and methodologies in RH/FP program design and implementation. ESD will share the tools with RH/FP partners and stakeholders in its countries of operation and with the global community through its website.

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Purpose

The Six Domains of Gender Analysis, developed by Cultural Practice with USAID's InterAgency Gender Working Group task force on Gender Training, is a tool designed to equip NGOs, CAs and government agencies with the analytical skills necessary to identify gender considerations in six areas of social life.

Description

The Six Domains of Gender Analysis identifies six areas in which gender can be analyzed: (1) access to assets, (2) knowledge, beliefs and perceptions, (3) practices and participation, (4) space and time, (5) legal rights and status, and (6) power. The tool provides the opportunity for users to explore how men and women have differential status and access to resources within these domains and how elements in these domains shape gender roles and responsibilities.

The tool enables users to identify gender-based constraints and systematically assess gender considerations in each of these areas. Based on the analysis, project planners can design project and program activities that take gender-based constraints into consideration or create activities to remove them.

The Six Domains Framework can be applied alone or in conjunction with other analytical frameworks to assist in project design and planning and in developing gender-sensitive indicators.

Target Audiences

NGOs, Collaborating Agents and Government Agencies.

Places/Countries Where Used

The Six Domains of Gender Analysis was presented as a tool for gender analysis at the gender training workshop held June 21 and 22, 2006, at ESD. The analytical framework was developed through a consultative process between Deborah Rubin and Deborah Caro of Cultural Practice and the USAID InterAgency Gender Working Group (IGWG) Task Force on Gender Training.

First developed in 2004, the Six Domains Framework has been used in a total of 29 trainings conducted by IntraHealth (including at USAID Missions in Tanzania, Mali, South Africa, Armenia and Ethiopia) and was also included in the recently published USAID IGWG “Gender Training Modules.” It will also soon be available on their website.

Use of the Framework has resulted in more gender sensitive Country Strategies and mission programs. Its outcomes include greater sensitivity to gender considerations in reproductive health/family planning programs as well as specific programs to enhance women’s access to reproductive health/family planning services and programs that address gender-based violence.

Advantages

The tool is simple and can be applied in any setting. Domains can be added and subtracted depending on the focus of the project or activity.

Limitations

It does not capture the change in gender relations over time. The domains are not consistent conceptual categories. In some domains women and men have differential access (access to assets, legal rights, participation). Other domains (beliefs, practices) outline dynamics that shape women’s differential access. This can lead to repetition.

Source/Acknowledgement

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http://www.igwg.org/materials/genderint/GenderIntegration_Facilitator.pdf#search=%22six%20domains%20of%20gender%20analysis%22

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