INTEGRATING GENDER INTO SE4All AA & IP: THE KENYAN EXPERIENCE

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The Kenya Constitution:

- Provides for the right of access to basic needs for both men & women (highest attainable standard of health, reasonable standard of housing, and adequate food of acceptable quality, clean and adequate water, social security, and education)
- Guarantees the right to equality for both men and women
- Enhances gender equality and equity through the establishment of the Kenya National Human Rights and Equality Commission (mandated to coordinate Gender Mainstreaming in national development)
Kenya’s national values and principles of governance:
- participation of the people, human dignity, equity, social justice, inclusiveness, equality, human rights, non-discrimination and sustainable development among others

Kenya is a signatory to a range of International Agreements that support gender equality, equal access to resources and the contributions of women alongside men in development
- Convention on the Elimination on all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);
- Beijing Platform for Action;
- Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) etc.
Kenya’s Commitment to SE4All

- Kenya is an SE4All focus country
- GoK has fully embraced the objectives of the SE4All Partnership and committed to taking concrete actions towards:
  - ensuring 100% access to electricity and modern cooking appliances by 2030;
  - ensuring 80% of the national energy mix from renewable energy by 2030; and
  - enhancing energy efficiency at national level, although targets have been difficult to agree on.
Kenya is finalizing development of its AA and IP and is ensuring that they are aligned to Vision 2030 and the updated versions of the Draft Energy Policy and Energy Bill.

The process: managed in a way that further improves the enabling environment for the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders, including development partners, other line ministries and county governments, private sector players, civil society, the academia.
THE NEED FOR INTEGRATION OF GENDER INTO THE KENYAN SE4ALL AA AND IP

- Energy is a key input into development sectors, when developing the AA &IP
- Inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral issues considered in terms of constraints and impacts that affect achievement of SE4ALL goals for Kenya e.g. land, water, forestry, agriculture, gender, health and the necessary reforms proposed.
- Access to affordable energy is an essential prerequisite to achieving economic growth and poverty reduction in Kenya. Apart from driving industry energy is required to deliver essential services as demonstrated in the chart:
THE NEED FOR INTEGRATION OF GENDER CONT’D…

- Energy Development
  - Households
    - Access to Electricity
  - Community
    - Access to clean Cooking facilities
    - Access to energy for public services
    - Access to energy for productive Use

Cross cutting characteristics
- Availability
- Affordability
- Adequacy
- Convenience
- Reliability
Gender perspectives have thus been integrated in the AA and IP especially in terms of:

- Prioritisation of modern cooking services and solutions that reduce time poverty, and health issues of women and children caused by IAP

- Enhancing the participation of women in energy development because of the role they play in energy provision

- Messaging of the need for GMS in other development sectors other than energy and the need for capacity building of all stakeholders have been flagged out
High Impact Opportunities (HIOs) and High Impact Initiatives (HIIs) on Energy, Women, Children and Health prioritised in the AA & IP

The need for a comprehensive study to provide sex disaggregated data on energy to inform the sector has been flagged out in the AA & IP

Innovative Finance to support financial closure and financing access to energy services and clean cook stoves prioritised in the AA
Since 2005, the GoK and other key actors in the sector such as Kenya Power have undertaken actions to mainstream gender into the implementation of the energy policy based on national commitments to gender equality and women’s empowerment as enshrined in Kenya’s national gender policy and constitution.

This has been done using a multi-stakeholder approach and with the support of key partners such as Practical Action, ENERGIA and AFREA.
BEST PRACTICE APPROACH OF USING MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PROCESSES, INPUTS & PARTNERSHIPS

The comprehensive process followed for GMS in the AA and IP have included:

- Training workshops to develop capacity
- Involvement of line ministries
- Support from various stakeholders (CSOs and private sector)
- Involvement of key institutions in the energy sector
- Integration of the SE4All AA/IP in the MTP framework
- A review of the AA/IP every 2 years to incorporate emerging issues
- Incorporation of messages in print and electronic media very helpful
**KEY GENDER RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMES PROPOSED IN THE INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS**

- **Energy, Women, Children and Health**
  - Universal adoption of Clean Cooking Solutions (modern cooking appliances and fuels) to improve indoor air quality and reduce drudgery.
  - Scale up Mkopa Model, Lighting Africa Programme type initiative to provide energy for lighting
  - Lighting programme for schools market places, health centres using solar and other decentralised options to be scaled up to improve maternal health care services, childcare and even staff amenities
  - Clean Cook stoves programmes including involvement of women as actors in the value chain as energy entrepreneurs

- **Energy and Gender**
  - Gender mainstreaming in on-going energy planning, policies and programs can help ensure that projects achieve greater livelihood enhancements and contribute to women’s economic empowerment and increased participation in decision making.
  - Gendered perspectives incorporated in all energy programmes to ensure participation and equitable benefit for women and men.
INNOVATIVE APPROACH REACHING OUT TO THE COUNTIES E.G.

- 47 counties in Kenya after 2013 elections
- Energy planning devolved to counties in the draft Energy Bill 2015 currently in Parliament
- County awareness on SE4All on going with a view to sensitizing staff on preparing themselves for energy planning ahead of the approval of the Energy Bill
- Multi-stakeholder engagement in the County Awareness Fora (MoEP, Line ministries, CSOs & private sector)
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- Identification of CEC Member for energy and staff responsible for gender at county level as champions

- Support from Development Partners such as UNDP, EU Biz-Clim Facility, EU Technical Assistance facility, NEPAD Energy Agency, NEPAD Kenya Office, SE4All Hub, AFDB, SNV, WWF, Hivos

- Planning to set up county SE4All Committees with representation of County Gender Officers

- Development of a standardized guide for assessments, planning, implementation, M&E frameworks involving all stakeholders
KEY MESSAGES & LESSONS LEARNT

- GMS is a process that requires continuous engagement of stakeholders as well as capacity building.

- AA/IP needs to be integrated in national planning frameworks such as the MTP/MTEF.

- Continuous review and update necessary.
KEY MESSAGES & LESSONS CONT’D…..

- Need for a robust implementation structure including robust M&E framework to ensure timely implementation and reporting - A multi-stakeholder approach required to deliver

- Need for sex disaggregated data and energy resource assessments for energy planning at both national and county level

- Capacity building in the counties is key to meeting 2030 targets in the AA/IP
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