

# **ICIMOD's Achievements in Gender and Mountain Development from 2007 Onwards**

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The international Centre for integrated Mountain Development working in the Hindu-Kush Himalayas, advocates for gender sensitive mountain development through regional member countries as well as through global forums. Various trainings, workshops and exposure visits were organized particularly on Gender & Socially Inclusive Disaster Preparedness; gender mainstreaming in Medicinal and Aromatic Plants; exposure visit for Afghani women professionals to observe women empowerment through micro-enterprises.

In the context of feminization of the mountain economies posed by different reasons, the Centre has carried out gender assessments of poverty reduction projects in India and Nepal with the aim of contributing to the formulation of gender sensitive mountain policies and practices through highlighting the successful interventions and approaches to address gender issues in the mountain related to drudgery reduction, increased access to critical resources, and increased participation to decision making. The gender assessment done for the Rangeland programme in Pakistan, Nepal and India has identified gender issues specific to the Rangeland Mountains.

To benefit mountain women from the development of Non-Timber Based Value Chain development, the Centre is developing methods and tools to integrate gender perspective into its Value Chains Analysis. Work is on progress in the integration of gender perspective in the Payment for Environmental Services and developing and testing the tools to measure people's workload from the intervention of the development projects. Knowledge generation through research on some of the emerging gender issues in the mountain- migration and the use of remittances, changes in land use system and climate change- are in the process.

ICIMOD participates in international and regional events for highlighting the gender perspective of climate change in the Hindu Kush Himalayas.