



FISHERIES and GENDER in the SUSFISH Project

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Introduction



- For more than a decade the degradation of natural resources goes on holding attention of the international opinion, the public authorities and the international organizations in charge of the environmental protection The sustainable management of the water resources and fisheries became an imperative and could not succeed without an appropriate approach which integrates the fundamental principles of gender

1. Global objective



- Favor the participation of the stakeholders particularly vulnerable groups in the process of research to guarantee an appropriation and a valuation of the results

2. Gender issue and fisheries management



- Disparities of access to the resources;
- Low power of control and decision over in the use of water and halieutics by vulnerable groups and particularly women;
- Continuous and irreversible increase in food needs / in water;
- Increasing imbalance in well-being between men and women, the rich and the poor etc. Potential sources of conflict which can also lead the humanity in large-scale social crises.
- Scientific research generally directed to the production performed mainly by men



Picture n°1: A woman selling fish

3.Importance of gender in Burkina Faso



- Creation of the Ministry of the Women promotion and Gender
- Adoption of the National Policy in Gender in Burkina Faso
- 3rd Objective of the Millennium for Development aims at the promotion of the gender
- Promotion of gender , a principle of the Accelerated Growth strategy and Sustainable development of Burkina Faso (Stratégie de Croissance Accélérée et de Développement Durable)

4. Relationship between the objective of susfish , gender and poverty



- Objective of the project is to propose results which could allow the policies and the education institutions to insure a sustainable management of fisheries in order to contribute to food safety and to the struggle against poverty.
- the principles of gender emphasize the equity, the participation, the sustainable development and the empowerment of women.
- Poverty is a consequence of the disparities of potentialities



Picture n°2: Woman frying fish

Purpose: women and men participate in the same level of decision in the establishment of the strategies of sustainable management of fisheries

5. Method of integration of gender to the project



- Use of findings and socio – economic analyses according to gender
- - organization of workshop to internalize gender
- - support for the review of the research protocols for a better integration of gender
- - support for the integration of gender principles in the tools of data gathering
- - integration of women in research teams
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- - raising awareness on women participation in research

6.State of implementation Results/ impacts



Activités	Objectives	Résultats /Impacts
<p>1. Participation in the kick off workshop</p> <p>presentation on gender profile in water and fisheries management</p> <p>Pleading for taking into account gender in activities planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have a good understanding of the project - guarantee an appropriation and a valuation of the finding by the stakeholders in the Processes-Institutions-Policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The gender issue in water and fisheries management is discussed and integrated in the research process - gender specificities are taken into account in activities planning



Picture n°3: water supply by woman



Activités	Objectives	Results / Impacts
<p>2. Support for the integration of the gender prospective in the research protocols and tools of data gathering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Allow a consideration of the whole context of development (social economic, cultural, geographical, political) in fisheries - Ensure the integration of the factors of sustainability in the data gathering - Detect disparities caused by governance in the access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i- to resources and ii – to the power of decision-making lii- and the control of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -some indicators of durability are processed and analysed -the information is disintegrated according to gender (youth, women, ...) - connections between the dynamics of the aquatic environment (aquatic species, biological diversity and the socioeconomic organization, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- to improve the strategic conditions of vulnerable groups(women, young people) in the access to resources



Picture n°4: marketing of fish



Activity	Objectives	Results/Impacts
<p>4. participation in annual workshop of the Burkinabe partners (Kaya, 8-11 May 2013)</p>	<p>Access the effective consideration of gender in each theme of research</p> <p>- Raise the constraints and propose strategies of improvement or re-orientate</p>	<p>- Efforts were made to involve women in the research teams</p> <p>- difficulties this involvement were pointed out</p> <p>themes of publications in relation to Gender were proposed</p>



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<p>•5. Organisation and implementation of a workshop on internalization of gender in Susfish (Ouagadougou 25 May)</p>	<p>to harmonize understandings on gender concept</p> <p>-agree on an internalization strategy of gender in the project</p>	<p>-understanding on gender concept is hamonized</p> <p>The conditions of an active participation of disadvantaged groups are identified</p> <p>the roles of the stakeholders, the specific needs and the strategic interests of each category of stakeholders are taken into account</p> <p>- inter actions between the socioeconomic activities , the biodiversity and the quality of the aquatic were proposed</p>



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<p>5. Organisation and implementation of a workshop on internalization of gender in Susfish (Ouagadougou 25 May)</p>		<p>An animation of session on gender and scientific research " Maquis des sciences " with " Association des Femmes Scientifiques" (Association of Female Scientists) is planning</p> <p>- a study on the strategy of gender integration in the strategy of fisheries management is proposed</p>



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conclusion



- Research teams must work actively for the elimination of the obstacles which prevent men, women, young people from having access to, controlling, having a power of decision-making on the resources, in order to formulate policies of sustainable management of appropriate fisheries .