REDD+: An opportunity for gender equality

READINESS PREPARATION PROPOSALS

REDD+ projects support developing countries in reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, while promoting sustainable conservation and management of forest resources.

Readiness Preparation Proposals (R-PPs) are submitted by REDD+ Country Participants to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility. R-PPs from 45 countries were analyzed for keyword frequency and content to measure gender-responsiveness and women’s involvement in REDD+.

R-PP ANALYSIS

There is substantial language for most countries on the equitable distribution of benefits from REDD+. While the terms “women” and “gender” are mentioned an average of 18 and 10 times per R-PP, respectively, and women are recognized as key stakeholders by most countries evaluated, key aspects of gender mainstreaming are mostly absent—including gender-responsive indicators, budgeting for women’s activities, and communicating how women will be empowered by REDD+.

ROOTS:

Analysis of R-PP documents included a count of key gender terms. The total counts for the 45 R-PP documents considered are displayed within the root system of this tree because using these terms is the first step in providing the structure necessary for developing strong gender-responsive REDD+ projects. The term “women” was the most commonly used, with 792 total mentions; this is an average of 18 times per R-PP document.