



An Intersectional Analysis of Gender Equality and Climate Change Vulnerabilities Capacities and Policy Gaps in Sub-Saharan Africa

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INTRODUCTION

Gender disparities heighten the vulnerability of women and marginalized groups to climate change (Terry, 2009).

Systemic barriers and entrenched norms limit their roles in climate adaptation and mitigation (Chagutah, 2010).

Inclusive and effective climate action requires addressing these intersections (Kwauk et al., 2019).



OBJECTIVES



Examine intersections between gender disparities and climate change in Sub-Saharan Africa.



Assess capacity of marginalized genders for adaptation and mitigation.

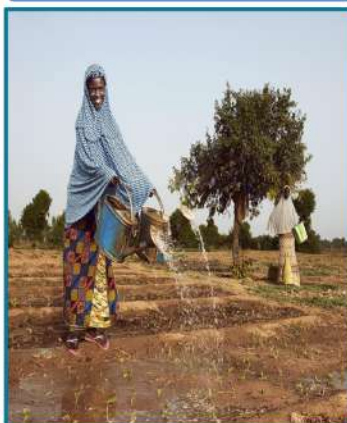


Identify policy gaps hindering gender-responsive climate action.



METHODS

- ❖ Scoping review using the **PRISMA-SCR framework**.
- ❖ Mapped and analysed **25 peer-reviewed studies (2016–2024)**.
- ❖ Explored intersections between gender disparities, climate impacts and policies in Sub-Saharan Africa.



KEY FINDINGS



Vulnerabilities

- ❖ Vulnerabilities stem from systemic exclusion, limited resources, insecure land tenure, cultural norms and inadequate representation.



Capacities

- ❖ Women are key agents in climate adaptation through local knowledge, community initiatives and innovative solutions.



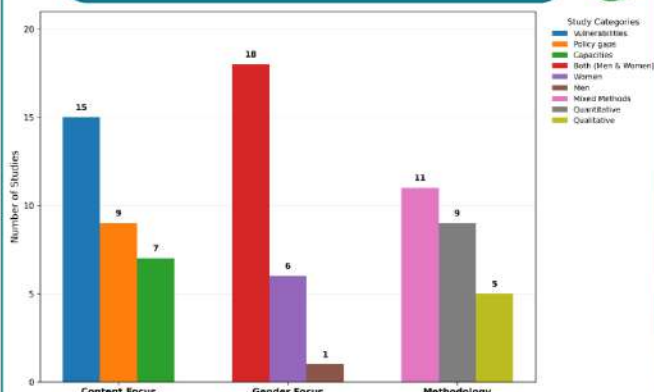
Policy Gaps

Persistent policy gaps: lack of gender-responsive frameworks, scarce gender-disaggregated data, and limited capacity-building.

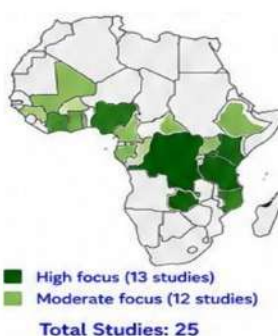


Inclusive, gender-sensitive policies and coordinated efforts are essential for equitable climate resilience

FINDINGS: Focus of the Studies



Geographical Focus



CONCLUSION

- ❖ Bridging policy gaps is vital for inclusive climate policies.
- ❖ Empowering women and marginalized groups enhances adaptation and mitigation.
- ❖ Invest in gender-disaggregated data and capacity-building.
- ❖ Foster partnerships among governments, civil society and development partners.
- ❖ Inclusive action today for a climate-resilient tomorrow.



KEY CONTRIBUTION

Provides evidence to inform **gender-responsive climate policies for sustainable and equitable futures in Sub-Saharan Africa**



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