

**INCORPORATING GENDER IN CIFOR'S RESEARCH:
A REVIEW OF CIFOR'S GENDER ANALYSIS**

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Abstract

The purpose of this review is to establish the extent to which gendered relationships are captured in CIFOR's research and to identify new opportunities, including questions and methods for deepening and extending this gender dimension in forestry research. This review is also concerned with CIFOR's need to capture changing global realities and to foster a better understanding of gendered relationships in order to inform policy and practice. The review finds an increasing commitment in CIFOR to incorporate gender analysis in its research as demonstrated by its strategy, its three-year operation plans, and the increasing numbers of projects that incorporate gender. While gender is incorporated in projects across all three continents that CIFOR focuses on (Africa, Asia and Latin America) and addresses a broad range of thematic areas in forestry, it is addressed in a narrow sense and is equated with the collection of sex-disaggregated data. Little attempt has been made to explore gendered *relationships*, their drivers and the interactions with broader processes of concern to CIFOR; and the research remains largely descriptive of differential effects on men and women. The development of a gender in forestry conceptual framework, the identification of clearer gender-related impact pathways from research to policy/practice impacts and the use of multiple methodologies can allow for a more systematic research design that addresses the causes, effects and interactions of gendered relationships in forestry.