

# MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN INFRASTRUCTURE

## Challenges for the energy sector

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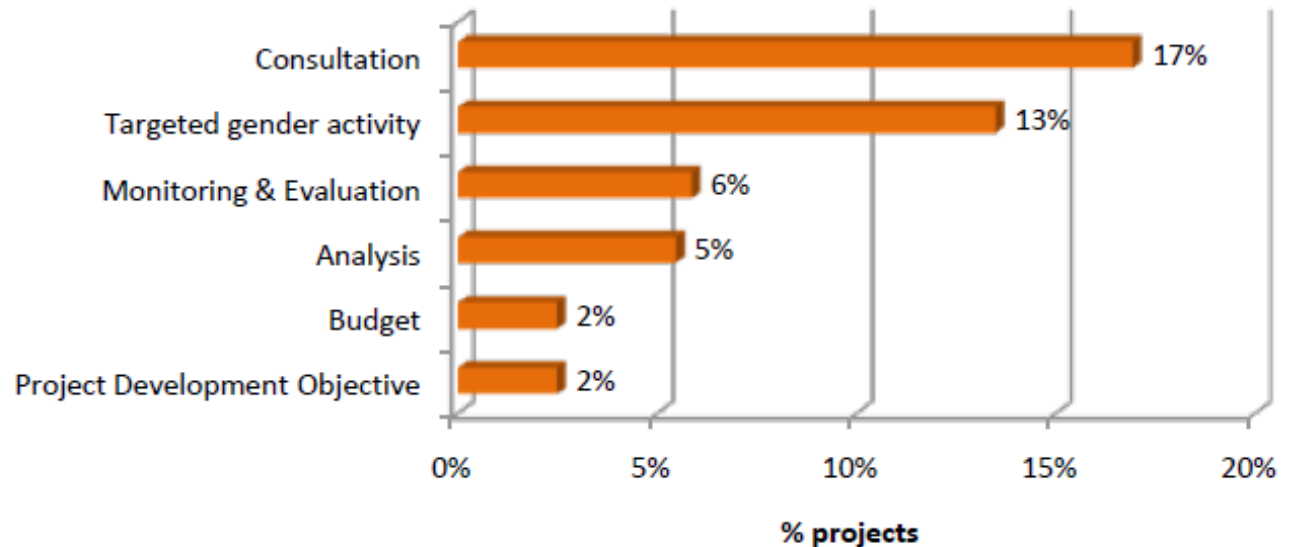
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**Delivery challenge category:** social and cultural / gender

### Developmental challenge / research question

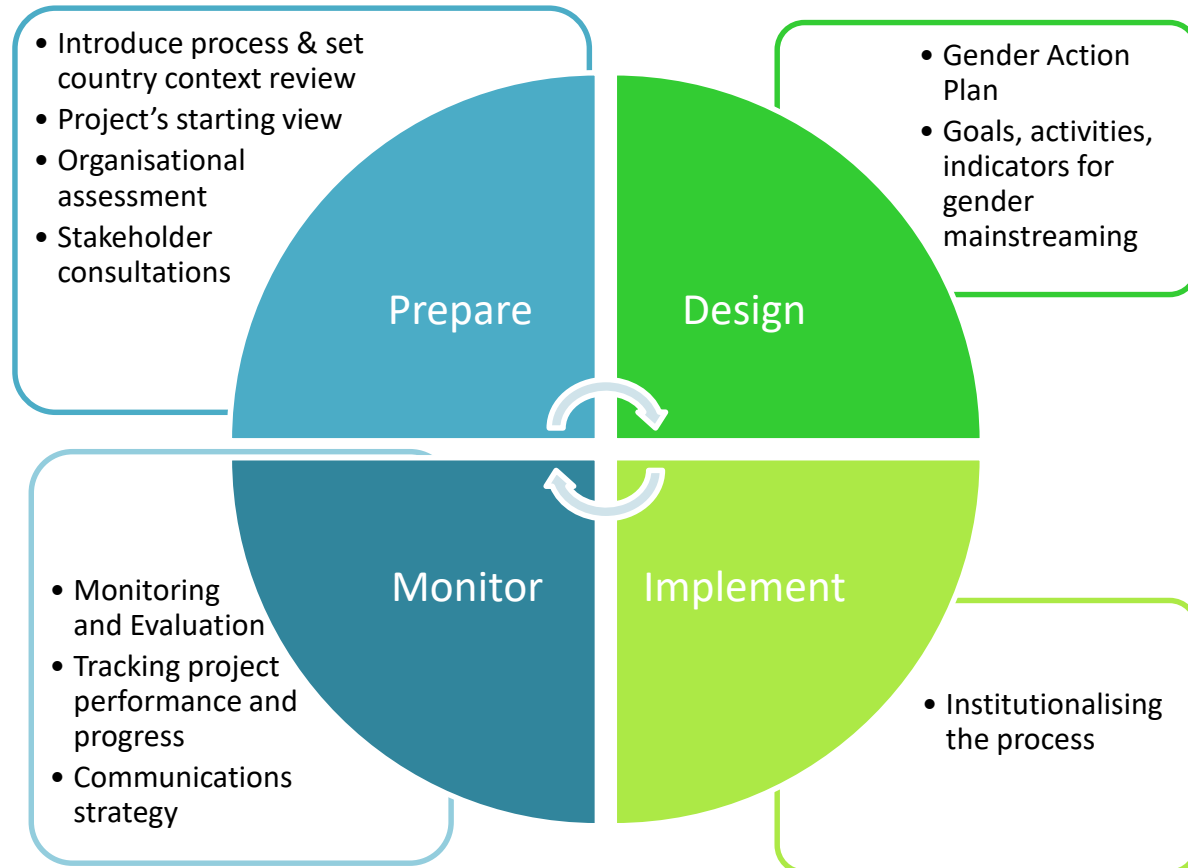
Crafting a 'fit for purpose' energy sector gender mainstreaming toolkit consolidating international best practices and that take into account the potential needs of women in renewable energy sector



Use of Gender methods in  
World Bank infrastructure  
projects, 1995-2009

# OUTLINE OF CHALLENGE

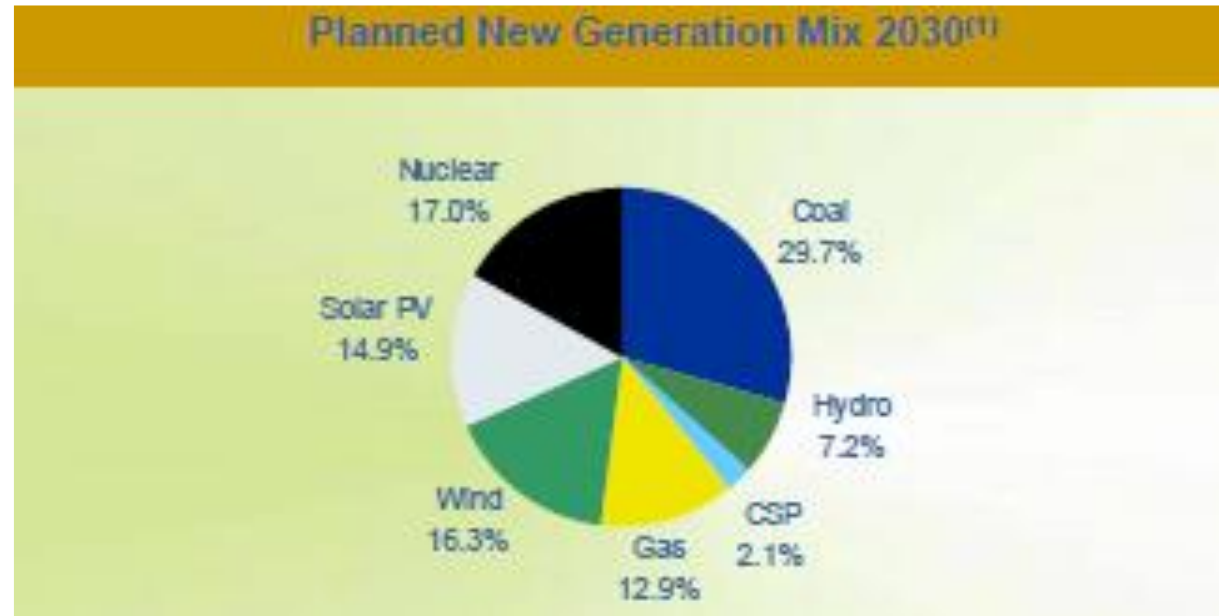
- African context = smaller scale, community projects, cleaner fuels for women's household activities
- AfDB, UN agencies guidelines = traditional energy supplies and electrification programs in rural areas
- **The 'how to' is often missing**



Source: ENERGIA, Mainstreaming Gender in Energy Projects

# The South African context

- **Southern African Power Pool**
- DoE's Discussion Paper on Women Empowerment and Gender Equality Strategy
- Ministerial support for RE development through the **Renewable Energy Independent Power Production Procurement Programme (REIPPPP)** valued at R195 billion
- Socio-economic development component
- **Local community / CSO initiatives too**



# Constraints in gender mainstreaming

“A Road is a road, right?”

**Road project in Tanzania** – presuming all women (old, young, disabled) have the same needs

**Nepal rural infrastructure project** – contractors operated with different gender guidelines = weaknesses in contractual requirements, compliance and enforcement

**Nigeria’s Rural Women Energy Security** – unable to achieve RE benefits without changes to policy



WHY IS THIS  
HAPPENING?

## Questions...

- Which parts in the project cycle (i.e. design, implementation, M&E, etc) are best suited to gender mainstreaming, bearing in mind African-specific constraints?
- Successful interventions from other countries: what are lessons sharing/best practices for gender mainstreaming in the energy sector? How was this achieved?



**THANK YOU**

