“WOMEN AND RESILIENCE IN THE WATER SECTOR”
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Interfacing Core Issues of Resilience in the Water Sector with the situation of Women.

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Policies and Systems to support Women and Resilience in the water sector

What is the Problem?

• Do we have such Policies at national Levels?
• Are there Systems in Place to support implementation of such Policies?
• Do we have Political Will to Ensure implementation?
• Do we Have Women Who qualify to fit in?
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What Do we Know?

✔ That there are Policies in place at National Level in many countries
✔ Yes we do have strong multilateral organizations BUT not enough support and no resources and platforms to monitor.
✔ There is no obligatory Systems in Place to support implementation of such Policies.
✔ Yes many countries Do have Political Will to Ensure implementation? E.g. South Africa
✔ Yes we DO Have many Women Who qualify to fit in?
The BIG QUESTION!

WHAT IS THE MISSING LINK?

IS IT

WOMEN’s Power

OR

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LANDSCAPE IN OUR COUNTRIES?

Do we know what Policies and Legislation should do for Women in the Water Sector?
If These are the Objectives, what else is required?

1. Using water for **promoting socio-economic** developmental agenda.
2. **Reducing inequality** through access to water and job creation.
3. Leveraging additional investments for **infrastructure development**.
4. Enabling rural communities to use water for **rural livelihoods**.
5. Promoting greater citizen participation in decision making.
6. Allowing for innovation and knowledge generation.
Women in the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic

WASH is said to be the first line of defense in the absence of a vaccine.

Women carry most responsibility for hygiene.

- In the households
- In the health frontline as nurses
- Health services including the unpaid care work
- Carry water for households in rural communities
- Participate in change management information and counselling
- Women should inform policy and decision making based on lessons of the pandemic.
WOMEN AND THE STATE OF WATER

Global Status Reports 2019

UN- Water Global Assessment and Analysis of Sanitation and Drinking Water.

World Bank, 2019 Report on Women in Water Utilities

Research Data Available

Who Takes UP RECOMMENDATIONS

Under-representation Barriers Policies and Environment

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING and EVALUATION

According to Reports

WASH
Revisit Women’s Engagements with Governments, Politicians and Multilateral Organizations and all relevant stakeholders.

Ensure funding for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Budgeting, as one of the interventions.

Water Resource Planning, MUST have Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement elements to support Policy.

Allow Women to Participate in River Systems Operations and management, (improvement of river water quality) like RSA Adopt a River, Encourage women greater participation in the water business (Incubation Programmes and Water Business Mentorships and Networks) Women’s participation in water governance

Developing Women in Human Resources, Sharing knowledge & creating partnerships.

WOMEN’s SCORE CARD
Ensure effective Women and Resilience in the Water Sector,
How are we doing at all Levels?
What should we do next?

Reflections

Stakeholder Perspective
Financial Perspective
Developmental & Environmental
Learning & Growth
Thank you ...