Gender, Climate Change & Migration in the Dry Corridor of Central America

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**Principles**

- Feminist
- Participatory
- Diverse perspectives

1. Desk Research & Literature Review

2. Field Visits
   - Nicaragua & El Salvador (*May*)
   - Guatemala & Honduras (*June*)
   - Focus Groups, Interviews & Site Visits
   - 184 women & 67 men
The Project
• Gender-differentiated impacts of environmental migration dynamics
• Women’s resilience-building and adaptation actions
• Recommendations to address climate change from a feminist perspective at different levels

The Context
• High climate risk - drought; precipitation; high temperatures; diseases
  • Honduras 3rd; Nicaragua 6th; Guatemala 24th; and El Salvador 37th (GCRI)
• Multi-causal migratory patterns (social, economic, environmental)
  • Temporary, permanent, cyclical, families, internal, external
• Culture of patriarchy and machismo
  • Land rights, decision-making, wage gap, resources, care work, extraction
### Findings

**Statistics** lacking; Must build interlinkage via analysis of **multiple factors** causing migration

Relationships between **two of the three variables** is evident; Normative frameworks rarely address three variables

**Economically-motivated** decisions exacerbate inequalities

**Women-led initiatives** in 3 categories: (i) seed banks/exchanges; (ii) water harvesting; and (iii) women organizing

### Recommendations

**Women’s Rights & Leadership**
- Ensure full range of human rights; funds to grassroots women & communities for local resilience; traditional knowledge

**Coherence**
- Harmonize with existing frameworks (SDGs); lead in local governance

**Accountability**
- Meet national commitments to UNFCCC, SDGs, Sendai, NUA; information access; inclusive implementation & reporting

**Research & Data**
- Sex-disaggregated data; policy impact evaluation; further studies

**Image:** Women organized in Langue, Honduras

**Image:** Seed containers for long-term storage
Thank you!

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