

**Validation Workshop**  
**Gender Analysis and Disaster Risk Management in Senegal**  
**April 23, 2023**  
**Hotel Novotel-Dakar -Senegal**

**BRIEF REPORT**



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## **1. Introduction and background**

This is a brief report on the validation workshop of the gender analysis report of the disaster risk management sector that was conducted in Senegal under the leadership of the ARC Gender Unit and the gender team of the FAO Regional Office for Africa, with the support of the ARC technical working group and the FAO country office in Senegal. This was part of the ongoing collaboration between ARC and FAO which recently culminated in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. The workshop also aimed to validate the proposed gender action plan.

A national gender consultant was recruited to carry out an in-depth gender analysis on DRM and social security in Senegal to ensure that policies, strategies, activities and program results related to DRM and social security are gender-responsive and transformational

Among the deliverables, the consultant produced a report covering the findings of the gender analysis and providing recommendations. On this basis, the consultant developed and proposed a national gender action plan for gender equality in DRM, containing well-defined strategic objectives, results, actions, indicators, identified responsible institutions, timelines and possibly the necessary budget.

To allow the various stakeholders and partners to present their views, comments on the report and the gender action plan, a validation workshop was therefore organized on March 23, 2023, at Novotel Hotel in Dakar from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the workshop, the consultant was able to present the results, hear the views, comments and suggestions from different actors and partners who were consulted during the research and other stakeholders, to ensure the quality of the report and to assure its ownership.

## **2. About the validation workshop**

### ***2.1. Participation***

The workshop was attended by representatives of different government departments, gender focal points (Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Equipment and Food Sovereignty, Fisheries, Livestock, environment, economics, planning and cooperation, local authorities, women, children and families; the Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Food Security (SECNSA), ONP, etc.

Technical and financial partners (USAID, Italian, German Cooperation, sister agencies of the United Nations System, UN Women, UNDP, etc.) also came in large numbers and actively participated

### ***2.2. The course of the workshop***

During the first part of the workshop, the consultant, Mrs. Selly Ba presented the results, covering sections on methodology, participants in the research, regions chosen for data collection and information on the basis of their specificity, the disaster profile in Senegal, disaster risk management laws, policies and strategies, identified gender gaps in management program planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting disaster risk, gender and vulnerabilities in disaster risk management, existing initiatives on gender and DRM and made recommendations.

Recommendations were made to the government, technical and financial partners, to communities, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

After the presentation, the participants engaged with questions, comments, and recommendations.

In the second part of the workshop, the consultant presented the proposed Gender Action Plan resulting from the gender analysis.

The gender action plan intends to produce the following results:

- *Strengthening of the institutional framework for gender and disaster risk management.*
- *Reinforcement of the level of responsibility in planning, monitoring and evaluation from a gender perspective in DRM.*
- *Actions adapted to the specific needs of populations in terms of reducing vulnerability in terms of disaster risk management are strengthened.*

### **2.3. Recommendations and remarks**

The report and the gender action plan were positively received, and the wishes expressed on both sides were to extend the gender analysis throughout the country, and to see the action plan serve as reference and be implemented urgently by the various stakeholders, starting with the government. With that, it was encouraged that there is better coordination within government to better mainstream gender in DRM. In addition, the choice of the department which will coordinate was left to the discretion of the government.

The consultant, who had been congratulated for the work done, promised to incorporate the comments and suggestions of the participants in the final draft which would therefore be distributed to the participants, thus making sure that their recommendations were taken into account.

### **3. Conclusion**

The validation workshop proved how well the partnership between FAO and ARC works. The workshop was successfully co-facilitated by FAO and ARC teams. This success is a great encouragement for the continuity of the collaboration which will continue to materialize through other activities on which the two organizations will collaborate.

The desire expressed by participants to see the gender analysis carried out across the country is to be taken seriously and requires that partners and all stakeholders come together to discuss the possibility of such a project that will require much more resources and collaboration. The presented report is the result of a quick analysis but should serve as a reference for any other similar activity.

Once the comments are incorporated, draft 1 will be produced and sent to all stakeholders to constitute a final report. The consultant promised to send the report in less than two weeks.

The gender analysis report and the gender action plan belong to Senegal, and it is therefore necessary to take ownership of it, to make good use of it for a better gender integration in DRM.



### List of participants

#	Names	Organisation	Gender
1	Eva Kavuma	ARC	F
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3	Abdou Karim Diouf	UN Women	M
4	Angela Abdula	ARC	F
5	Selly Ba	Consultant	F
6	Celine Barry	University of Berlin	F
7	Christiana George	ARC	F
8	Anneleen Van Uffelen	FAO	F
9	Coumbaly Diaw	FAO	F
10	Asante Pious	FAO	M
11	Charlotte Lejeune	BMGF	F
12	Ousmane Diouf	USAID	M
13	El Hadj Abdoul Aziz Ndao	Ministère de la femme	M
14	Linda Tiemoko	ARC	F
15	Uta Kunn	Embassy of Germany	F
16	Micheline Lobognon	ARC	F
17	Djime Tigana	ANAT	M
18	Adjil Rokhaya Ndiaye	MEDDTE	F
19	Abib Diallo	ONP	M
20	Thiam Caroline	SE-CNSA	F
21	Francesca Cecchin	AICS	F
22	Fatou Mbodj Diouf	MCTADT	F
23	Sophie Perreira	UN RCO	F
24	Aminata Ndaw	Ministère de la Justice	F
25	Boury Dia	SP One Health Primature	F
26	Maïmouna Seck	Ministère de l'élevage	F
27	Sokhna Mbaye Diop	MAEKSA	F
28	Rokhaya Diop	Ministère de la femme	F
29	Cemain Comiti	Ambassade de France	F
30	Ramatoulaye Dieye	PAM	F
31	Salimata Ba	MEDDTE	F
32	Fatimata Lani	CGE/MPEM	F
33	Boroto Ntakobajira	ARC	M