

# Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Sensitive Climate Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment (GESI-CVRA)



## Introduction

Climate change impacts different population groups in distinct ways, often exacerbating existing gender and social inequalities. Women and girls, in particular, face increased domestic burdens, heightened security risks, and greater exposure to gender-based violence (GBV) as climate hazards intensify. Limited access to resources, restricted decision-making power, and societal norms further compound their vulnerability, creating a reinforcing cycle where climate change deepens existing disparities while

these inequalities, in turn, increase exposure to climate risks.

The **GESI CVRA toolkit** helps assess these gendered impacts by identifying disparities in resource access and vulnerabilities. Through its participatory approach, it facilitates the development of inclusive, community-driven solutions that enhance climate resilience while addressing both immediate and long-term risks. By applying intersectional strategies, the toolkit ensures that adaptation efforts are equitable, breaking the cycle of exclusion and marginalisation and fostering sustainable resilience for all.

## Useful in Country Programmes for:

- Quickly understanding of main climate vulnerabilities in a community with a minimum effort of 2 days for primary data gathering, and 7–10 days in total
- Gathering qualitative locally-led perspectives with a GESI lens
- Integration of information from multiple stakeholders (government, CSOs, private, communities)
- Strengthening (pre)positioning with key or new donors by providing collected local evidence.



## Key Features

- **Core functionalities:** Understanding climate vulnerabilities, differential impact on GESI, and their intersecting elements, and providing recommendations on how to address and respond to them
- **Participatory Approach** to engage communities and adopt **locally led adaptation** principles such as: addressing structural inequalities, transparency and accountability, devolving decision making process
- **Rapid and customised tools** based on PIN's experience with more "**system change**" perspective.

## Overall benefits:

- Promoting equity and inclusion, in line with Climate Justice, Locally-Led Adaptation, Do No Harm approaches
- Enhancing relevance and effectiveness of interventions and building resilience to climate change
- Supporting long-term sustainability and social cohesion
- Adhering to National and International Frameworks, Policies and Standards
- Disaggregated data collection to inform evidence-based proposals, decision-making and learning.

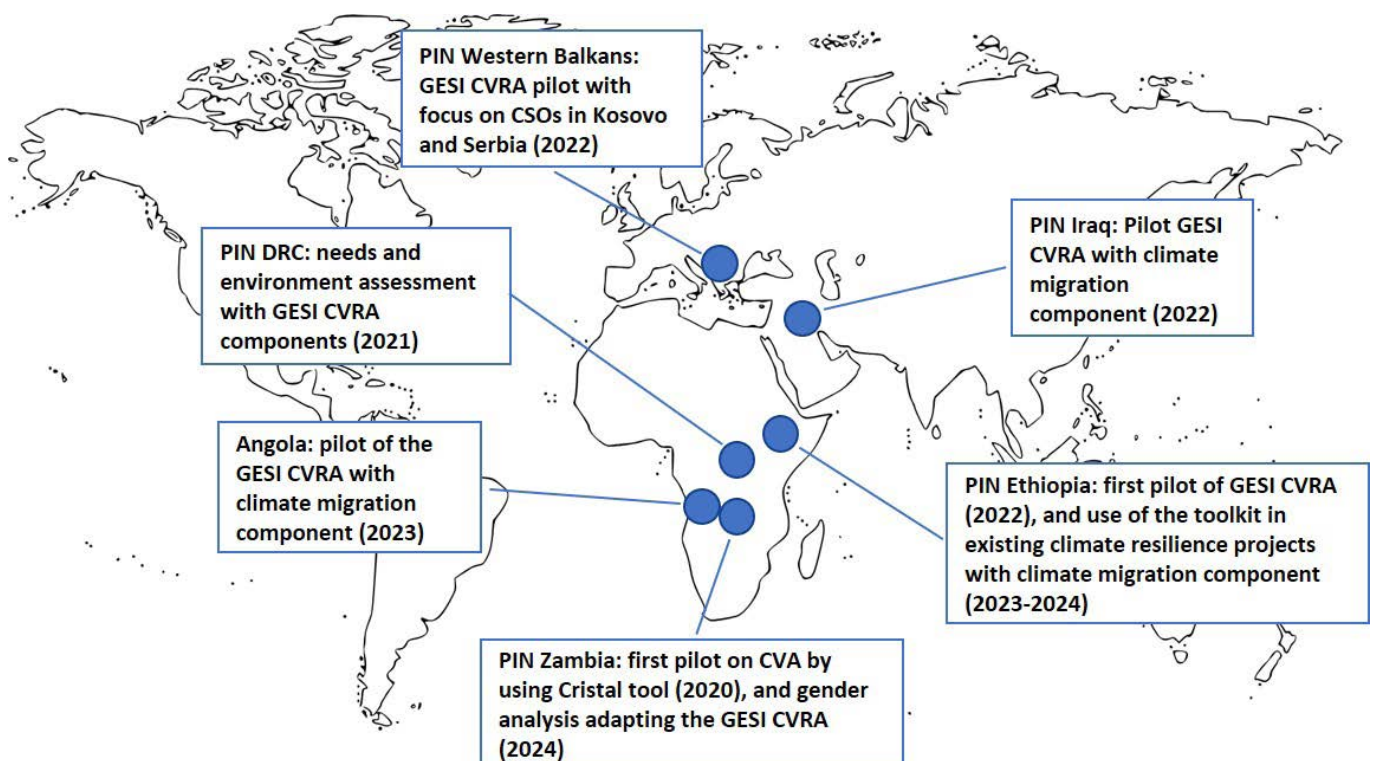
## Use cases

The main focus is on finding linkages between climate change impacts and GESI perspectives on natural resource management and agriculture. A supplementary focus on climate migration was used upon request from the Country Programmes.

Following initial tests in DRC and Zambia, the GESI CVRA Toolkit was designed and piloted in Ethiopia's highlands before being adapted for use in various contexts, including the Western Balkans, Iraq, Zambia, Ethiopia, and Angola.

**Its light and adaptable approach** has proven effective across diverse settings, allowing for

rapid, context-specific assessments. Local stakeholders and communities have always particularly valued their participation in the process, both in analysing vulnerabilities and identifying appropriate locally-led solutions. The use of the tool and its findings have directly contributed to **securing new projects awards** (e.g. in Zambia, Ethiopia, and others to come) and **strengthening strategic positioning** in all Country Programmes where it was used, demonstrating the **value of the approach in effective fundraising and donors engagement**.



## Steps



\* KIIs, FGDs, direct observations, HH survey (currently a standard one under development)

## Developments

The GESI CVRA Toolkit is a work in progress. To date, it has primarily been utilised in a qualitative and descriptive way for **scoping, preliminary assessment and positioning**. One of our key goals is to establish indicators and expand into quantitative

methodologies, and collaboration with the MEAL Unit is ongoing to achieve this. For a more comprehensive methodology, the [Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment \(EVCA\)](#) Toolkit serves as a main reference document in our efforts.

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