With a decade to go for the 2030 goalpost, there is an urgent need to galvanize political will, institutional commitments and individual action for the world to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Tackling climate change, making strides on gender equality and building resilient communities are critical priorities for the Asia-Pacific region.

EmPower: Women for Climate-Resilient Societies, is a unique partnership between UN Women and UN Environment, supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency that aims to ensure that climate action and disaster risk reduction in Asia Pacific respond to gender equality and human rights. From 2018 to 2022, EmPower is implemented regionally across Asia and the Pacific, with national footprints in Bangladesh, Cambodia and Viet Nam.

Women and marginalized groups, by virtue of their position and roles, are a fountain of solutions to tackle climate change. It is critical to leverage their knowledge, capacities and skills to lead climate action.

**EmPower’s Work Focuses on Five Key Pillars:**

- **Voice and Leadership:** Encourage civil society, women and marginalized groups to participate in climate and disaster decision making.
- **Data for Decision-making:** Generate, analyse and use sex, age, and diversity disaggregated data to inform policy.
- **Inclusive Policies:** Improve gender responsiveness of climate, DRR and energy policies.
- **Renewable Energy for Women’s Resilient Livelihoods:** Enable women to use renewable energy as economic resources for resilient livelihoods.
- **Regional Knowledge Sharing:** Strengthen regional policies and processes and greater knowledge on gender equality and human rights in climate change and disaster risk reduction.

**EmPower’s Approach to Global Agreements:**

- Supporting the implementation of global commitments relating to gender equality in climate action and disaster risk reduction.
- Engaging Climate Change, Disaster Risk Management, Energy and Women’s Affairs authorities and subnational actors.
- Multi-stakeholder approach involving governments, civil society, private sector partners, entrepreneurs, financial institutions and women’s groups.
- Targeting regional policies and institutions such as the ASEAN Secretariat & regional civil society organizations to build evidence, share good practices and scalable solutions, and fostering learning among EmPower countries and beyond.

**EmPower Responds to the Following Global and Regional Commitments:**

- **Sustainable Development Goals:** UN ESCAP Regional Roadmap for 2030 Agenda
- **UNFCCC Paris Agreement:** UN Women Programme on Gender and Gender Action Plan
- **Sendai Framework for DRR Asia Regional Plan**
- **UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 Sendai Japan**
- **Paris Agreement:** UN Women Programme on Gender and Gender Action Plan
- **Ocean Convention:** Beijing Platform for Action
- **Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership Between ASEAN & UN

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EmPower's cross-cutting programme

FOR THE SDGS

The cross-cutting nature of EmPower’s work - tackling social (gender), environmental (climate change) and economic (livelihoods) dimensions of the SDGs, helps the project respond to a number of interconnected goals such as:

WHAT DOES EMPOWER DO?

TARGET 1.B
Policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies, to support accelerated investment in poverty eradication actions

TARGET 5.C
Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women at all levels

TARGET 7.1
Universal access to affordable, reliable, modern energy services

TARGET 7.B
Build capacity to support national planning for all the sustainable development goals

TARGET 13.3
Raise the capacities of planners and policymakers in climate change, specifically targeting women and local and marginalized communities

TARGET 13.B
Raise capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small islands, focusing on women, youth and vulnerable marginalized communities

TARGET 17.7
Development and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies for developing countries

TARGET 17.16
Multistakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise and financial resources through multi-stakeholder partnerships

WHAT DOES EMPOWER DO?

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GENDER EQUALITY

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AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

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CLIMATE ACTION

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PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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