

Multiple Use Water Services:

Overcoming gender stereotypes and sectoral boundaries

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Gender and water in the past Productive sector

1970s:

"No gender issue in irrigation because women are housewives and the irrigation sector has no mandate for domestic water services".

1980-90s:

* Women are farmers !

* Women's inclusion in irrigation schemes improve food and income for themselves and their dependents, and improve scheme performance !





Gender and water in the past Domestic sector

"Improved drinking water supplies, which is women's responsibility as housewives, improve family's health".

1980-90s:

* Improved domestic water supplies (also for cooking and other domestic chores) also alleviate women's and girls' burdens !
* Women's inclusion in domestic schemes improves scheme performance !

"Domestic water sector has no mandate for productive water uses".





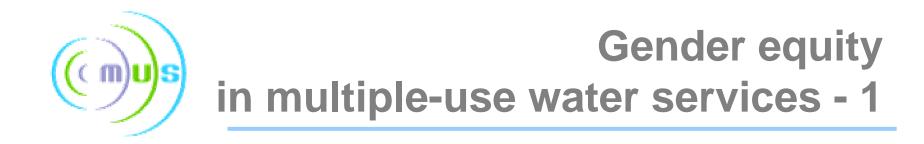
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Multiple-use water services:

Take poor women's and men's multiple water needs as the starting point.

Overcome compartmentalized, single-use planning within the water sector itself, bridging the gap between 'productive' and 'domestic'.

Prioritize water services through inclusive community-based planning and design



Both women and men and both sectors are responsible for domestic supplies, with top-priority !







Both women and men need water for productive uses, including homestead production !





Thank You