



## **Multiple Use Water Services: Overcoming gender stereotypes and sectoral boundaries**

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# Gender and water in the past

## Productive sector

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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

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“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”.





# Multiple Use Water Services

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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



# Gender equity in multiple-use water services - 1

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





## Gender equity in multiple-use water services - 2

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





**Thank You**

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