

# Is climate change adaptation all about water?



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# Women-led Adaptation in Cities

Promoting inclusive and gender-  
sensitive water access and  
governance



# Water scarcity and gender inequality in cities



## Due to their social role, women are disproportionately affected by water scarcity

- **The burden of collecting water falls to** women in 80 percent of households that lack direct access to a water source. Women and girls are more vulnerable to gender-based violence while collecting water.
- **The discriminatory laws** surrounding ownership and land rights impact women and girls' ability to access water.
- Their wellbeing, education and development opportunities are especially affected by water stress - **time poverty, menstrual hygiene management, childcare, household management.**

## Many climate and water management actions and responses are developed without the meaningful participation, knowledge, and leadership of women

- Lack of sex-disaggregated data.
- Insufficient municipal capacity.
- Male-dominated sector.

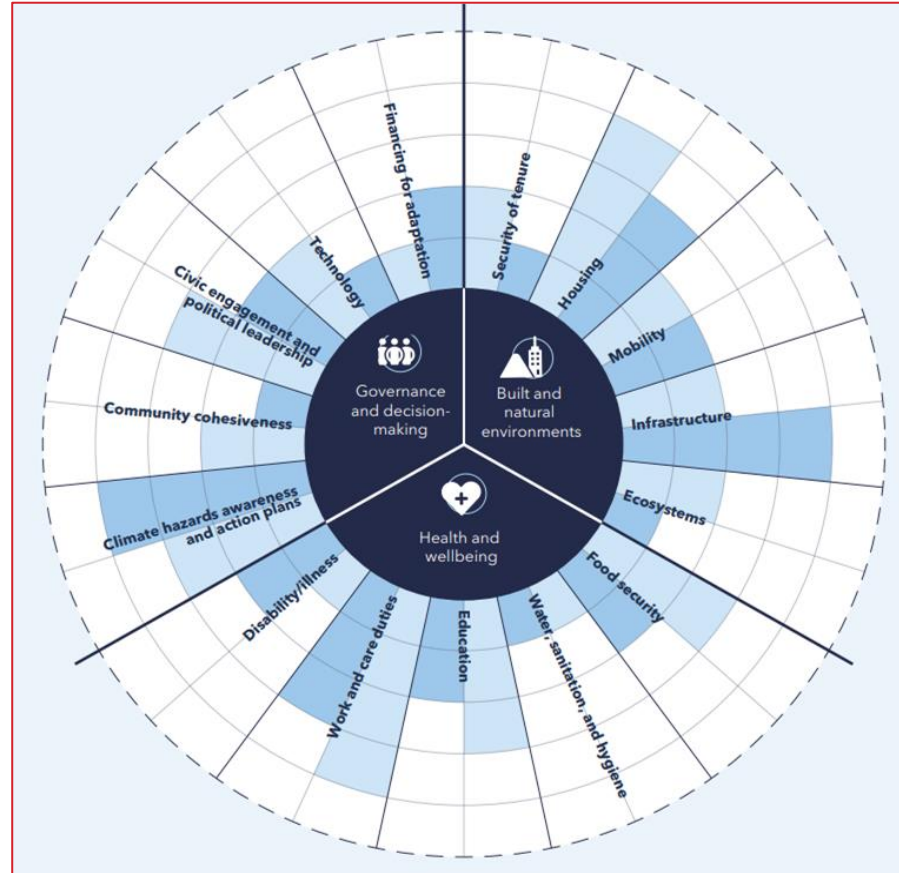
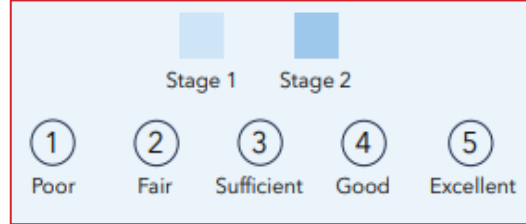


# The Her4Climate Tool

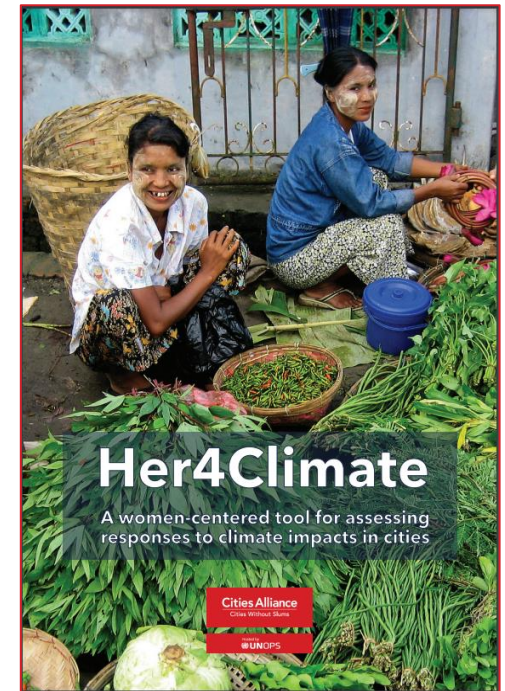
## Scope of the tool



1. Understanding women's exposure and their capacity to respond to climate change in urban areas, including the identification of key climate impacts that require action, and the level of climate adaptability in the future.
1. Promoting women's participation, leadership, and empowerment, in the design and management of climate adaptation initiatives (i.e., strategies, policies, action plans, interventions).



- 3 dimensions
- 15 indicators
- 2 stages





# Cities For Women: Inclusive and Climate Resilient urbanization in Nepal



## Example: Chandragiri Municipality profile





# LIBERIA Women Empowerment through Water



## CONSTRUCTION OF WATER KIOSKS:

- Individual Survey on Women Experiences in the City of **Monrovia**
- City for Women Laboratory to engage women in identifying priorities for planning recommendation for the **City Development Strategy**
- Construction of **10 water kiosks** managed by women which have been trained

## Participatory Local Action Research

- **WEC Survey** and **gender audit** in three informal communities (Doe Community, Clara Town, and Soko Town) in collaboration with FOLUPS – October to December 2020
- Published **report “How Women Experience The City”** in 2022

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women involved throughout the process

**80,000**

women are benefitting from the broader water project

