



The ENGENDER Project: The Network and Policy Briefings

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ENGENDER Network



During Spring 2010, Associate Partners nominated network members. The core membership of the ENGENDER Network of experts was established in June 2010.

The aim of the Network is to create a tri-sectoral sourcing of knowledge, a key factor for building consensual knowledge and helping to close the operational and participatory governance gaps.

The Network collects, categorises and synthesises of knowledge and informs policy makers and programme managers of opportunities for improved action on gender equity. Inclusiveness openness and transparency are key principles of the Network.

Network Responsibilities



The Network is instrumental in contributing to the production, updating, dissemination and development of specific topic-related policy briefings.

The network members reviewed and commented on the policy briefings.

Network members will contribute to the ongoing production, updating, dissemination and use of the database of good practices.

The Network will perform an important role as experts at European and national levels for the future ensuring that sustainable awareness and dissemination activities for gender equality in the health area continues when the ENGENDER Project ends.

ENGENDER Policy Areas



The 6 policy areas identified by the Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network were reviewed for both good and promising practices in the European region:

- 1) Structural gender inequalities
- 2) Gender stereotypes
- 3) Gendered exposures and vulnerabilities
- 4) Gendered politics of health systems
- 5) Gendered imbalances in health research
- 6) Gender mainstreaming

ENGENDER Policy Briefings



Based on the information on good practices in the ENGENDER database, six policy briefings have been produced by the ENGENDER partnership for dissemination to policy makers.

The creation of the six policy briefs was based on the analysis of the ENGENDER database of good practice in promoting gender equity in health.

The briefings have been designed in such a way as to provide practical examples on each policy area, informing policymakers of best practice models of promoting gender equity in policy development in each of the six policy areas.

Policy Briefings Questions



- How do essential structural dimensions of gender inequality affect women's and men's health?
- How do gendered health norms manifest in households and in communities
- How do different health conditions of women and men reflect a combination of biological sex differences and gendered social determinants?
- What are the root causes and consequences of the gendered politics of health care systems for women's and men's health?
- What mechanisms and policies need to be developed to ensure that gender imbalances in both the content and processes of health research are avoided and corrected?
- How can we remove the organisational barriers that seriously hinder the implementation of gender-equal policies both within and outside the health sector?