



"The existing considerations within the VNGO-FLEGT Network, of FLEGT VPA processes and monitoring framework, and a snapshot of current and predicted activities and opportunities to include gender and social inclusion within the monitoring framework and processes".

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Key questions

- How to incorporate gender into monitoring?
- Questions of intersectionality?
- Some of the challenges of gender in FLEGT



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VNGO FLEGT Network

- Alliance of different organisations working together on the topic of FLEGT giving a collective voice to CSOs
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Gender and Monitoring

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 But there is no specific mention on monitoring on the grounds of gender



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Gender and Monitoring

- Gender issues are prevalent within forestry on multiple levels
- There is a need to consider the full value chain: it is easy to focus on the 'input' of timber and neglect later stages (trading etc.)
- Consider the likely impact of regulation on a sector with a high level of informal employment.
- Ignoring gender clearly wrong in terms of equality and fairness but also methodologically flawed



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Some of the challenges of gender in FLEGT

- Exclusion of women from meetings/trainings leading to gap in knowledge legal and policy issues
- General lack of female leadership in a lot of forestry sector
- Greater regulation and scrutiny threatens informally employed which is dominated by women
- Belief that any business downturn will threaten women
- For these reasons, the VNGO-FLEGT network has specifically considered gender within it's monitoring activities



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Questions of Intersectionality

- The monitoring which is undertaken not only looks at gender in isolation
- Also consideration and focus on the position of women from ethnical minorities and how FLEGT might affect them
- Women from ethnic minorities are more likely to be affected by FLEGT as less likely to in formal employment but also more reliant access to the forest for NTFP

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Current Activities

- May 2018- Thanh Son, Phu Tho Province (report about to be published)
- Nghệ An Province in September 2018
- Đắk Lắk Province October 2018

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