

Gender and Development

In third world countries gender roles are different from those in western countries. This reality is of utmost interest for development policy makers, planners and project designers from donor countries. More often than not, development projects, sponsored and implemented by western organizations, reflect ethnocentric biases about the sexual division of labour, rights and responsibilities, based on standards from the donor country. Too many projects have failed or not had the intended beneficial effect on those in need, because they were administered with very little insight into gender relations. This volume deals with the importance of gender relations in crucial areas of development such as agriculture, employment, housing, transport, health and household management, and it underlines the necessity of having statistical materials that realistically reflect gender differentials.

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