



Turning Information into Empowerment: Strengthening Gender and Energy Networking in Africa (TIE ENERGIA)

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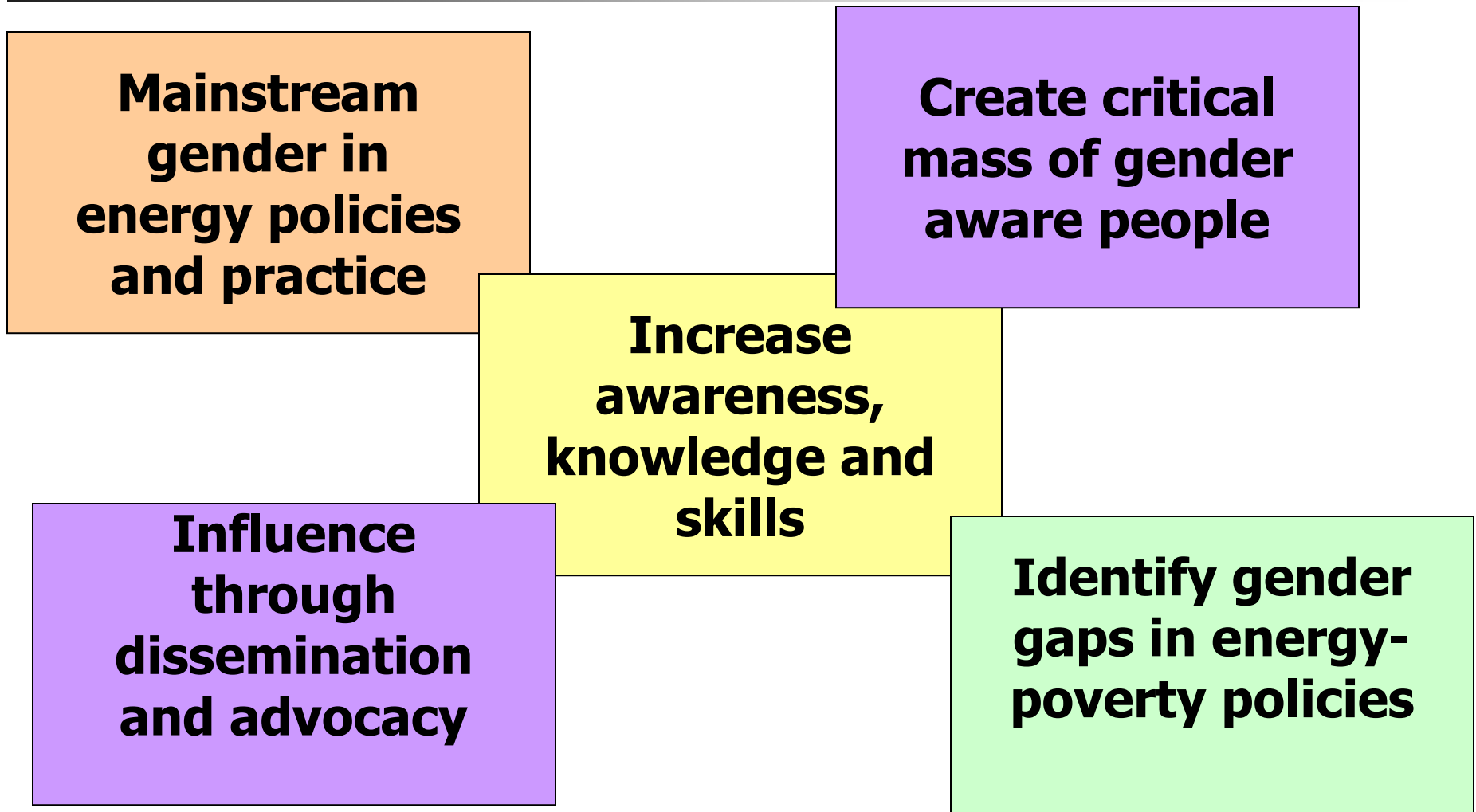


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Aims / Objectives



Activities (Work Packages)

**Train
trainers**

**Train
practitioners**

**Gender audits
in three
countries**

**Policy level
workshops**

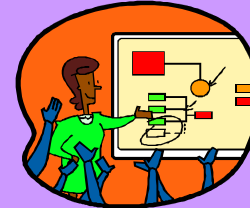
**Extensive
dissemination**

What we achieved



Six French and English training manuals in gender and energy tailored for all stages of energy policy and project cycle

Packages are module and comprehensive with trainers guides, case studies and interactive examples



Training of trainers in East, West and Southern Africa: 40 trained



National training workshops in 12 countries with over 260 trained practitioners and follow-up transfer of knowledge/skills learnt into practice at the workplace

What we achieved (2)



3 gender audits in Botswana, Kenya and Senegal using tools to analyse factors hindering mainstreaming gender

Audits considered:

- Energy Stats
- Communication Channels
- Energy Policy
- Development Strategies
- Key Institutions



Validation workshops were held to reach consensus and agreement

Gender Audits reports are considered semi-official documents in the three countries

What we achieved (3)

Global Dissemination in different formats/materials:

- Project website: www.energia-africa.org
- All training packages, reports and resources on-line
- Communication advice and guidelines
- Targeted advocacy material- press releases, audit flyers, articles



Lessons Learnt

Four Key lessons were learnt:

- *Ensuring sustainability* - TIE ENERGIA has built the first step in increasing gender awareness but needs to keep up momentum and ensure follow up mentoring, tailored support, explicit step-by-step guides and contextual advice
- *Involving Government* – involving officials in actual implementation of activities was crucial in achieving results
- *Importance of Communication* - make sure there is time to build up liaisons and understanding when dealing with multi cultural and regional stakeholders
- *Gender audits* - have been undertaken in other sectors but not in energy and this project has proven how crucial such audits are in raising awareness and giving a critical understanding of why gender matters in energy policy

Impacts from TIE-ENERGIA

- **Enhanced resources and capabilities** to mainstream gender into energy policies and programmes
- **Distinct changes and perceptions** on why it is important to integrate gender and energy
- **Behavioural change in institutions** on need to raise awareness and change practice

TIE-ENERGIA has been pioneering in laying the groundwork for mainstreaming energy and gender, with a comprehensive capacity building initiative on gender and energy across Africa, both in terms of scope and practitioners targeted

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