

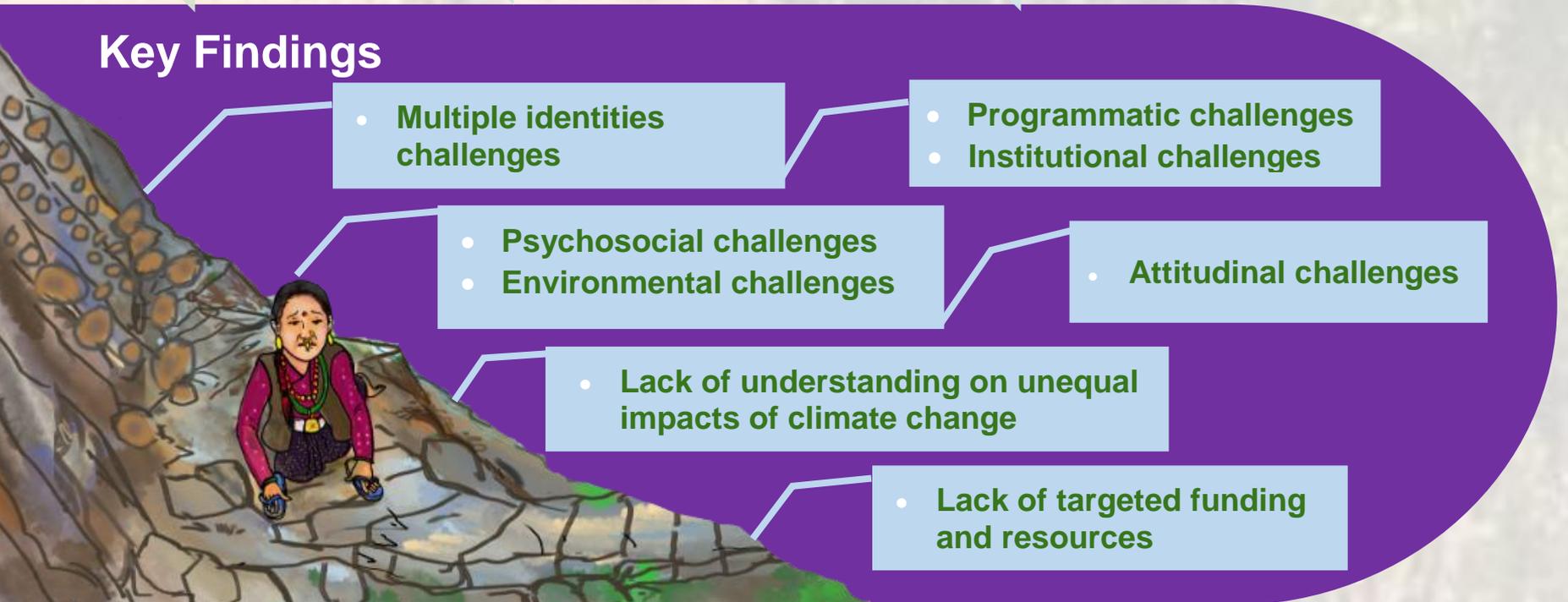
Impact of Climate Change on Indigenous Women and Girls with Disabilities in Nepal

In 2022, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN) conducted a qualitative research study on *“Impact of Climate Change on Indigenous Women and Girls with Disabilities in Nepal”*. The research explored that there is an unequal impact of climate change on persons with disabilities, women and girls with disabilities and primarily indigenous people with disabilities. Therefore, the climate justice discussion has been an undebated discourse within multiple marginalized communities. NIDWAN shares these research findings to amplify grassroots voices and evidence from an intersectional lens among all stakeholders.

Methodology



Key Findings



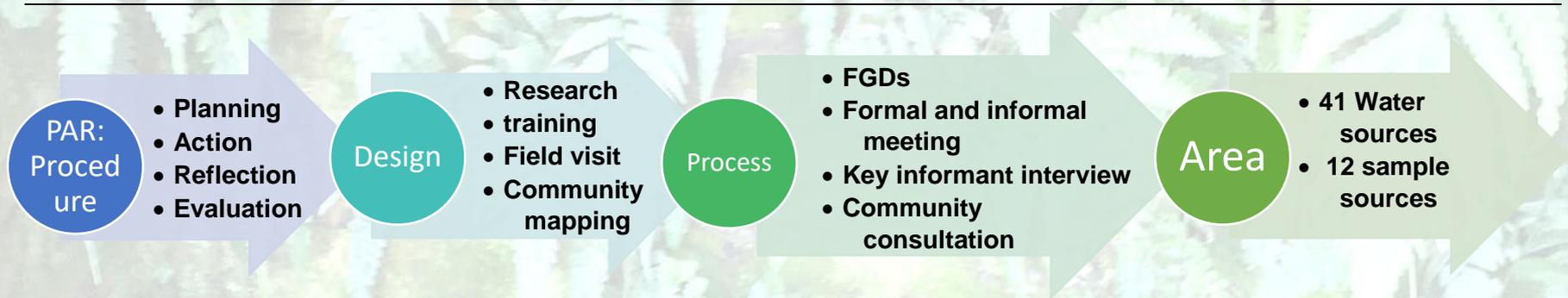
Recommendations: SAERI

- Support to address climate change impacts through research and documentation by generating evidence to address the vulnerability of women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, minority and underrepresented groups.
- Advocate, support, integrate and implement disability inclusive, accessible national and sub-national (provincial and local levels) climate change related sectoral and local government’s policies, strategies and action plans.
- Ensure meaningful participation and targeted interventions and provisions to improve the livelihoods of Indigenous women, Persons with disabilities, Indigenous girls, women with disabilities and their families understanding their contexts, capabilities and interests.
- Recognize the role and acknowledge the contribution of Indigenous women, persons with disabilities in sustainable and climate-resilient food production to achieve food security by removing barriers to land, other productive resources and financial services in laws and policies.
- Invest, collaborate, partner and support for building the capacities of organization of women, Indigenous Peoples and persons with disabilities, local government and climate change related actors at local and national levels.

A Documentation of Process and Learning of Climate Change Impacts on Indigenous Women and Girls with Disabilities

National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN), in 2022, conducted a Community Based Participatory Action Research (PAR) entitled “A Documentation of Process and Learning of Climate Change Impacts on Indigenous Women and Girls with Disabilities” in Sindhupalchowk district of Bagmati Province of Nepal.

Methodology



- The indigenous women and girls with disabilities were found being unable to internalize and understand climate change impacts in their daily lives.
- There is no budget allocated to mitigate climate change, adaptation, resilience of the local government and no understanding of participatory action research.
- The increase in disability rates, poverty, psychological stress, anxiety, isolation, violence, and internal migration are some indirect impacts of climate change.

- The disaster related loss and damage, no access to water resources, untimely rainfall, floods, landslides, excessive use of pesticides in farming, increasing health issues, lack of sexual and reproductive health services are some direct impacts of climate change.

- Indigenous women and girls with disabilities have no representation, participation in the networks, institutions at community based organizations and government entities and prioritization of Indigenous Peoples issues are minimal in the local level intervention.



Key Findings

Recommendations: SSREC

- **S**trengthen local and community levels initiatives on climate change impacts by engaging indigenous women and women with disabilities in PAR research.
- **S**upport for the maintenance of water resources with quality tests, climate-smart village and disability accessible infrastructures development, and access to forest and resources in safe conducive environment.
- **R**aise awareness on gender and intersectionality to understand the impact, risk, loss of climate change and enhance service delivery and prioritize adaptive capacity.
- **E**nhance coordination and collaboration among local level stakeholders, civil society organizations, leaders and experts working at local development on climate resilient and environment justice activities.
- **C**onduct community based research and orientation on traditional livelihoods highlighting existing local knowledge, protecting natural resource management and coping strategies to deal with climate variability.