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**ABSTRACT:** This resource guide has been compiled by the USAID Knowledge Center staff for review by the U.S. Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on women in development.

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# Internet Resources on Women in Development

## Web Portals

### **Development Gateway Foundation**

<http://gender.developmentgateway.org>

The Development Gateway's dgCommunities portal contains an online Gender and Development community that enables development professionals to collaborate on key issues surrounding gender, including health, environment, education, technology, human rights, food security, employment, displacement, and others. In addition to updates on recently published materials, a wide range of information is being shared, such as information on current events and relevant news headlines. An online forum is provided, which encourages international development practitioners to dialogue on specific topics of interest.

### **Eldis**

<http://www.eldis.org>

Eldis is a web portal with publications, links, and information on a number of development topics, including democracy and governance, education, poverty, and food security. Publications from multiple sources are available for free download, and include an extended abstract as well as a link to the institutional publisher of the material.

- **The Eldis Gender Research Guide**

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/gender>

This website provides quick access to research resources and publications related to women in development as well as links to other pages on the internet. The gender research guide also has links to sections in other guides referencing gender, including agriculture, education, food security, health, HIV/AIDS, and trade.

- **The Trade and Gender Dossier**

<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/dossiers/trade-and-gender>

This webpage is based on the BRIDGE Cutting Edge Pack on Gender and Trade, and is a collection of resources aimed at trade and development professionals who want to know more about the ways in which trade policies affect men and women.

### **OneWorld.net**

<http://us.oneworld.net/issues/gender>

OneWorld.net is an online media gateway that provides up-to-date information about human rights and sustainable development. Its Gender page includes current daily news headlines, as well as a link to a Gender Topic Guide (<http://uk.oneworld.net/guides/gender>), which addresses gender and development issues, with particular focus on the poorest countries and implications for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This Guide contains information on gender and the MDGs, women and development, women's rights, equality, livelihoods, reproductive health, and violence against women.

## **Bilateral Organizations**

### **AusAID's Australian Development Gateway (ADG) – Gender Equality**

<http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/pid/6473>

This section of the ADG portal contains rich and practical resources on international agreements, policies and approaches, the program management cycle, gender-based violence, and gender equality in conflict and fragile states.

### **Department for International Development (DFID) - Gender**

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/mdg/gender.asp>

In response to the Millennium Development Goals, DFID's website contains a page on Gender Equality. It provides links to several targeted documents, such as the 2007 document *Gender Equality – At the Heart of Development*, which outlines DFID's commitment to working towards gender equality. From the webpage, there is a link to How We Fight Poverty (<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/howwefightpoverty/women.asp>) which contains a brief on how DFID promotes equal rights for women in order to mitigate poverty. Several case studies are provided as well.

### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs Denmark (DANIDA)**

<http://www.danidadevforum.um.dk/en/menu/Topics/GenderEquality>

This webpage provides several entry points into DANIDA's gender and development resources, including information about the agency's gender-focused projects and programs. Of particular note is the online Gender Equality Toolbox, which houses a series of booklets that were created to help development professionals to implement effective assistance programs that are relevant to both women and men.

### **United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – Women in Development (WID)**

[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/cross-cutting\\_programs/wid](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/wid)

USAID's WID webpage encompasses a variety of gender resources, including information on the Agency's use of gender analysis in its development programming, and a publications portal that details its work in promoting women's advancement and empowerment throughout the world. Key publications are highlighted, such as *Catalyzing Equitable Development: An Initiative to Institutionalize a Gender Perspective in PVO and NGO Work in the Field* (2007) ([http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/cross-cutting\\_programs/wid/pubs/Interaction\\_FinalReport8\\_23\\_07.pdf](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/cross-cutting_programs/wid/pubs/Interaction_FinalReport8_23_07.pdf)). Links to overviews of USAID's WID activities are provided, focusing on gender-based constraints to economic development, equality in education, women's rights, and trafficking in women and children.

## **Multilateral Organizations**

### **Asian Development Bank (ADB) – Gender and Development**

<http://www.adb.org/Gender/default.asp>

ADB's Gender and Development webpage reflects the Bank's commitment to promoting women's economic and social empowerment. It contains a variety of rich resources such as analytical reports (country and sector specific publications), as well as checklists and toolkits to inform its strategies and programs. A gender projects database (<http://www.adb.org/Gender/projects.asp>) and external online forum on gender and development are also available.

### **European Commission (EC)/United Nations Partnership on Gender Equality for Development and Peace**

<http://www.gendermatters.eu>

The goal of this partnership is to "identify approaches with which to integrate gender equality and women's human rights into new aid modalities, in accordance with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness." Free, full-text electronic resources published by EC and UN partners are available, categorized by type, region, subject matter, and institutional author.

### **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): Sustainable Development Department – Gender and Development**

[http://www.fao.org/sd/pe1\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/sd/pe1_en.htm)

This webpage serves as a clearinghouse of gender-based materials specific to FAO's work in "stimulating growth with equity, while reducing rural poverty and achieving food security, through provision of adequate and equitable access to productive resources and essential supporting services to both rural women and men." Documents are available free of charge, in either html or PDF format.

### **Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) – Gender Equality in Development Unit (GED)**

[http://www.iadb.org/sds/wid/index\\_wid\\_e.htm](http://www.iadb.org/sds/wid/index_wid_e.htm)

The goal of IDB's GED unit is to enhance the contribution of women to development and ensure their equitable participation in Bank-funded programs as well as in the benefits of development. This website contains links to IDB policy and instruments for gender equality, as well as other documents ([http://www.iadb.org/sds/wid/mainpublication\\_38\\_e.htm](http://www.iadb.org/sds/wid/mainpublication_38_e.htm)) that pertain to gender and development.

### **International Labor Organization (ILO) – Bureau for Gender Equality**

<http://www.ilo.org/dyn/gender/gender.home>

This page contains links to upcoming events and resources related to gender. Many of the papers on the site have abstracts, are available for free download, and are searchable.

**Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD),  
Development Assistance Committee (DAC) - Network on Gender Equality  
(GENDERNET)**

[www.oecd.org/dac/gender](http://www.oecd.org/dac/gender)

GENDERNET is a forum which brings together gender experts from development agencies from around the world in order to discuss common approaches, share innovative ideas and good practices as well as research on gender related topics. This page has links to DAC publications and documents on gender.

**OECD Gender, Institutions and Development Data Base (GID-DB)**

[http://www.oecd.org/document/16/0,3343,fr\\_2649\\_33731\\_39323280\\_1\\_1\\_1\\_1,00.html](http://www.oecd.org/document/16/0,3343,fr_2649_33731_39323280_1_1_1_1,00.html)

The GID-DB presents comparative data on gender equality through various indicators. To reach the GID section of the database, look at the left hand frame labeled 'themes.' Go to the Social and Welfare section, expand the list, select gender, and click the 'open' button. OECD provides a user's guide:

[http://stats.oecd.org/WBOS/Help/WBOS%20User%20Guide%20\(EN\).PDF](http://stats.oecd.org/WBOS/Help/WBOS%20User%20Guide%20(EN).PDF)

**World Bank Group: Gender and Development**

<http://go.worldbank.org/A74GIZVFW0>

This site provides links to the World Bank Group's resources on gender and development. It has research tools, toolkits, publications, and reference guides as well as other pages that focus on gender and development as well as gender and mainstreaming within the World Bank. It is searchable and divided up among topics such as agriculture, rural development, education, governance, HIV/AIDS, infrastructure, labor markets, social protection, and trade. Included is the **GenderStats database** <http://devdata.worldbank.org/genderstats/home.asp>, which offers statistical and other data in modules on several topics.

**World Health Organization (WHO) – Department of Gender, Women, and Health (GWH)**

<http://www.who.int/gender/en/index.html>

This web page outlines WHO's gender-based approach to public health. It contains links to WHO's Gender Mainstreaming Strategy, as well as publications that focus on a number of women's health topics. Its publications page (<http://www.who.int/gender/documents/en/>) provides free access to a wide variety of resources. In addition, WHO's Department of Reproductive Health and Research (<http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/gender/index.html>) contains links to resources for health trainers, as well as targeted publications on gender and reproductive health issues.

**United Nations (UN):**

**United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)**

<http://www.unifem.org/resources>

UNIFEM centralizes its efforts around the advancement of women's human rights. This website contains a variety of publications and tools that are available for free in electronic format. Printed copies also are

available for sale through WomenInk (<http://www.womenink.org/>), or may be ordered from Kumarian Press.

### **UNIFEM's Gender and HIV/AIDS Web Portal**

<http://www.genderandaids.org>

UNIFEM, in collaboration with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), created this web portal as a way to circulate the latest resources on the gender dimensions of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. A plethora of information exists on the site, including: resources categorized by topic, region, and type; web links to research and training institutions, information clearinghouses, libraries, NGOs, and other multilateral organizations; e-mail discussion lists; and links to current news and events.

### **UN Women Watch**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/>

The UN Women Watch Site is a joint program of UNIFEM, the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW), and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW). The site has a link to all of these as well as the Office of the Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI). This portal focuses on UN information on the advancement and empowerment of women, including: links to UN departments; full-text documents of past UN conferences; collections of national action plans for Beijing follow-up; and statistics and indicators.

### **United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/>

DAW's publications – which include reports, handbooks for practitioners, issues from its *Women 2000 and Beyond* series, posters, and CD-ROMs – are developed as resources for governments, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, including entities in the UN system to enhance work on gender equality, women's human rights, and empowerment of women.

### **United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW)**

<http://www.un-instraw.org/en/>

UN-INSTRAW focuses on research, training, and knowledge management in relation to governments, the UN system, civil society, and academia in order to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. Its website contains links to the UN's official documents on gender, including General Assembly reports, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) documents, and Commission on the Status of Women resources.

### **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

<http://www.unfpa.org/gender/index.htm>

UNFPA recognizes the close links between sustainable development, reproductive health (RH), and gender. As such, it promotes a holistic approach to RH, preventing maternal mortality, and supporting projects that empower women economically. UNFPA's Promoting Gender Equality webpage includes links to key international agreements and declarations that impact gender equality and women's empowerment, as well as an area that highlights international and regional agreements and conventions. All resources are available free-of-charge in electronic format.

**United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) – Gender Advisory Board (GAB)**

<http://gab.wigsat.org/uncstd.htm>

The GAB provides advice to UNCSTD, national governments, and the UN system on the gender dimensions of science and technology policy. This web site contains GAB-specific publications (available free of charge in electronic PDF format).

**United Nations InterAgency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE)**

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/ianwge>

This Network plays a central role in advancing women's equality throughout the UN system. Its webpage contains links to the UN's Resolutions on Gender Equality, a system-wide Policy and Strategy on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and information on the multiple task forces through which IANWGE works.

**United Nations Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (GCWA)**

<http://womenandaids.unaids.org>

This UNAIDS-led coalition was established in response to the increasing feminization of the AIDS epidemic and a growing concern that existing AIDS strategies did not adequately address women's needs. The web site's Publications and Tools menu includes links to GCWA documents, speeches and interviews, and brief facts and figures. These resources are available electronically in PDF format. The site's Issues section also includes overviews on a number of topics that impact women and girls, including education, property rights, abuse, and access to treatment.

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Forum on Gender Equality**

[http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=3160&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=3160&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This website contains online tools for capacity development and training in gender mainstreaming, as well as links to resources, tools, and publications on gender and education, youth, human rights, HIV/AIDS, information and communication technology (ICT), science, and culture.

## **Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)**

<http://www.mdgender.net>

Gender Equality and the Millennium Development Goals is a collaboration between the UN Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality, the OECD/DAC Network on Gender Equality, and the Multilateral Development Bank Working Group on Gender. This website links to information on each of the other goals, as well as to related resources, events, tools, papers, articles, and speeches, and emphasizes that while MDG #3 is important, gender equality applies to all of the MDGs.

## **Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

### **The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)**

<http://www.awid.org>

AWID is an international membership organization that bonds, informs, and mobilizes individuals and organizations to achieve gender equality, sustainable development, and women's human rights. For the researcher, its website includes links to a variety of documents, journals, handbooks, and materials that cover topics such as feminism, women's rights, economic empowerment, and HIV/AIDS – the majority of which are freely available in PDF format (except where noted). Through its Strategic Communications program, AWID releases weekly announcements on relevant events, calls for proposals, actions and campaigns, news, and international appeals. In addition, AWID's Women's Human Rights Network (WHRNet) <http://www.whrnet.org> is a portal that links to a number of gender resources.

### **BRIDGE**

<http://www.bridge.ids.ac.uk>

The BRIDGE web site supports both gender advocacy and gender mainstreaming efforts. This initiative attempts to “bridge the gap” between theory, policy, and practice by making diverse gender information available both online and in print. This site is a virtual library with access to all of Bridge's publications, including research, tools, and annotated bibliographies. These resources are organized by theme and are searchable.

### **Siyanda**

<http://www.siyanda.org>

Hosted by BRIDGE, Siyanda is an on-line database of world-wide gender and development materials. Siyanda has short summaries of on-line work and allows free download of full length materials which include tools, case studies, policy papers, and research. The site has a search engine, an expert locator, and allows contribution.

### **The Centre for Population and Development Activities (CEDPA)**

<http://www.cedpa.org>

CEDPA is a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide. Through its programs, CEDPA focuses on education, health, and empowerment. For the researcher, the organization's publications database, houses documents (sorted by topic) that are available either in free downloadable format (PDF), or for purchase in hard copy.

### **EngenderHealth**

<http://www.engenderhealth.org/index.php>

According to its website, EngenderHealth publishes several different types of materials, including "training curricula, clinical guidelines, instructional videos, brochures, working papers, articles, and online information." Publications are frequently cited as authoritative sources, and provide guidance to field based programs.

### **International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)**

<http://www.icrw.org>

ICRW is a leading international institution on gender and development that works to develop gender-equitable, sustainable solutions to poverty throughout the world. Its staff conducts focused research on a number of WID-related topics, including reproductive health, economic development, food security, and others. This website contains a publications database that houses a wide array of ICRW reports, policy papers, briefs, journal articles, project updates, and more. All publications are available in full-text, for free in electronic format.

### **MADRE**

<http://www.madre.org>

MADRE is an international women's human rights organization which partners with women's community-based groups in conflict areas worldwide. Its Resources menu includes links to reports and articles on a range of topics, such as armed conflict and forced displacement; women's health, and reproductive rights; economic justice and community development; Indigenous Peoples' rights and resources; food security and sustainable development; human rights advocacy; youth; and US foreign policy.

### **Overseas Development Institute (ODI)**

<http://www.odi.org.uk/themes/gender/index.asp>

ODI's resources on the topic of gender and development include blogs and opinion papers, briefing papers, and working, journal, and project papers. This website provides full-text of documents in electronic format. ODI's "What's New on Gender" and "Key Projects" sections ensure the availability of current themes.

### **Oxfam International**

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/learning/gender/index.html>

Oxfam's Gender Equality webpage contains links to a variety of resources, including reports and papers on gender, program insights, as well as its *Gender & Development* journal and *Links* newsletter. All are available free electronically.

### **The Royal Tropical Institute (KIT)**

<http://www.kit.nl/smartsite.shtml?ch=FAB&id=5597>

This site is a quick resource guide to KIT-produced gender-related materials, publications, and dossiers. The dossiers are KIT directories with information on Gender and Health, Gender ICTs for Development, and Gender, Citizenship and Governance. The section under 'Themes' has links to various programs run by KIT. All the publications are available in full text for free.

### **WIDE Network**

<http://www.wide-network.org/index.jsp?id=19&random=499664307338961>

This European-based network comprises member women's organizations, development NGOs, gender specialists, and women's rights activists. Its publications section includes PDF links to full-text briefing papers, reports, and other publications on gender and EU trade and labor standards. WIDE also publishes a monthly e-newsletter that includes news, resources, and opinions on current developments in the fields of gender, development policy and trade. The website also links to a number of gender mainstreaming resources, including the *New EU Strategy for Gender Equality in Development Cooperation* (2007) (<http://www.wide-network.org/index.jsp?id=287>) and *Gender Indicators for Monitoring Trade Agreements* (2007) (<http://62.149.193.10/wide/download/Staveren%20gender%20indicators%20feb%202007.pdf?id=290>).

### **WIGSAT – Women, Knowledge, Technology**

<http://www.wigsat.org>

WIGSAT promotes information, science, and technology strategies that enable women, especially in developing countries, to contribute to and benefit from growth and development. It brings together researchers to address the emerging critical issues in gender, science, and technology for development. In addition to a section housing publications, WIGSAT organizes an Internet mailing list for NGOs, researchers, policy makers, and anyone interested in women, science, technology, and knowledge. The listserv (WIGSAT-L) regularly distributes information on job announcements, events, and publications.

- **Expert Database of the International Taskforce on Women and ICTs**

<http://taskforce.wigsat.org>

WIGSAT created this database as a resource for agencies, governments, NGOs and others looking for speakers, consultants, advisors, or input from experts on the use of ICTs by women and for women.

- **WIGSAT - Gender, Society and Technology Gateway**

<http://gstgateway.wigsat.org/>

This is a clearinghouse that provides key links and information on research, practice, policy, and partners in sustainable development. The materials contained herein focus on gender equality to promote sustainable and equitable science and technology for development.

### **Women in Politics (IPU) Bibliographic Database**

<http://www.ipu.org/bdf-e/BDFsearch.asp>

This site is provided by the IPU (International Organization of Parliaments of Sovereign States). The database contains bibliographic references on articles as well as books about women in politics. Resources are searchable by document type, title, author, country, region, and keyword. The page provides abstracts for the documents as well as links if available on the Internet. Selected articles are available for free download.

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