

FOREWORD

This series of Tipsheets covers a wide array of development-related sectors and issues. It provides essential information on how and why gender equality is a crucial dimension in all development initiatives.

These Tipsheets are rapid but serious reference tools for both gender experts and others working in development. They have been produced by Members and observers of the OECD DAC Working Party on Gender Equality -- bilateral and multilateral aid agencies and the United Nations. To support harmonisation of donor practices, procedures and tools these Tipsheets have been compiled and edited into one series -- or tool box -- by the Working Party. As new Tipsheets are produced by individual institutions, or commissioned directly by the Working Party, they will be added to this series. For this reason, these Tipsheets are in a loose-leaf format-- to allow a maximum facility of use, reproduction and re-organisation by topic or theme, according to the user's needs and institutional structure.

I hope that you will find these sheets useful, and look forward to your feedback. Special thanks go to the authors and institutions who have provided these sheets. I am also grateful for the editing assistance of Ms. Francesca Cook and Ms. Carola Miras in the DAC Secretariat.



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