



GENDER-RESPONSIVE SLM TOOL



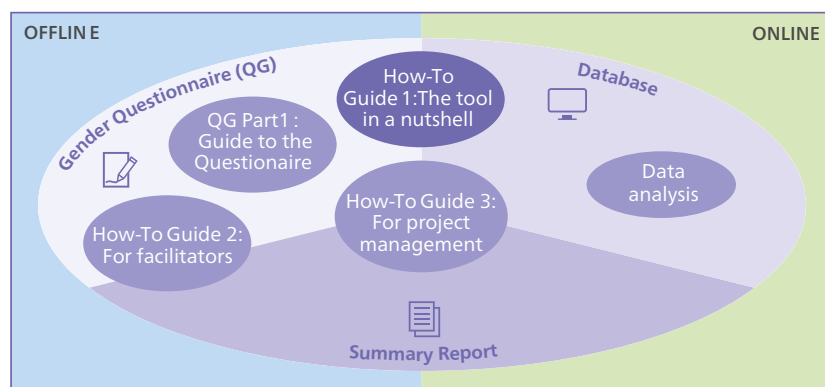
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HOW-TO GUIDE 1: The tool in a nutshell

Gender equality is a key entry point for the adoption, spread, and upscaling of Sustainable Land Management (SLM). Yet direct and indirect gender-related barriers often prevent women from fully adopting SLM practices. To address this, a tool was developed (see box) to assess and strengthen the gender-responsiveness of SLM Technologies and Approaches. Its purpose is to increase adoption and dissemination, ensuring that SLM delivers benefits equitably to both women and men.

This How – To Guide is designed to support users of the gender-responsive SLM tool in preparing, collecting, and uploading data to the database. Data collection involves two steps: conducting field assessments using the Questionnaire on gender responsive SLM Technology (QG)(offline) and then checking and transferring the information to the database (online). Both the questionnaire and the database are standardized and follow the same structure, ensuring consistency and comparability of data.

This brief note is part of a series of products that support and guide using the gender-responsive SLM tool:



UNCCD-WOCAT project on gender-responsive Sustainable Land Management (SLM)

Launched in 2020 to fill the gap in the availability of gender-disaggregated data necessary for the analysis of SLM adoption patterns and the assessment of its differentiated impact on women and men, the project¹ produced a gender-responsive SLM tool that supports **project planners, designers, implementers and evaluators** in collecting gender-disaggregated data and draw recommendations for more gender equality in the context of their SLM programmes and projects by adding a gender lens to SLM Technologies and their related Approaches.

The tool contains:

- a **Questionnaire** on gender-responsive SLM Technologies and Approaches (QG);
- a dedicated section in the **Global WOCAT SLM Database** to publish the data and view existing data entries; and
- an easy-to-read, automatically generated **summary report**.

The resulting data can be used widely, including by **decision-makers**, to understand the interaction between gender and SLM.

¹see: <https://wocat.net/en/projects-and-countries/projects/gender/>

PREPARATION AND PLANNING

The following section outlines the preparatory work needed to start documenting data with the gender-responsive tool. Following these steps will help ensure high-quality documentation and keep your team well prepared throughout the workflow.

#1 Putting together a team for documentation and data collection

Ideally, at least two people should be assigned to the task, as facilitating Focus Group discussions (FGDs) – the main activity of the gender tool – is much easier in a team. Each member takes on a specific role (see QG, page 6-7 for details):

- **Compiler** – leads the preparation and documentation of general information and the SLM Technology (questions 1.1–2.3). Supports the facilitator during FGDs and in preparing the fieldwork.
- **Facilitator** – leads the FGDs and ensures active participation, documenting responses to questions 3.1–6.5.



To get started it is advised to read QG Part 1 (Guide to the Questionnaire). It will provide you with an overview of what to consider and expect when using the gender tool.

#2 Selecting the SLM Technology and its related Approach

The gender tool is applied to an existing SLM practice. Many questions in QG focus on the activities, inputs, and responsibilities associated with this practice. Depending on the project, the SLM Technology (and its corresponding Approach) may already be documented in the WOCAT database:

- **SLM Technology already documented?** Skip question 2.1. The SLM Technology can later be linked online through a dropdown menu. **Note:** *You can only link existing entries that were documented in the same community and/or by the same project, and that reflect the actual Technology used by the FGD participants.*
- SLM Technology **not yet documented?** Complete question 2.1 with the support of a key informant or the focus group participants.
- The same applies for the SLM Approach under question 2.2



SLM Technology (and related Approach) not yet documented!

Find support in using the **SLM inventory table** for a rough overview of existing SLM Technologies (and Approaches) in a specific region, country, landscape or watershed and help you narrow down the options for your project.

#3 Using the Questionnaire on gender-responsive SLM Technologies in the field (offline)

Once you have finished with preparations, data can be assessed in the field. Data collection can be done in the combination of the following ways: From **external sources** (national datasets, reports), WOCAT Global SLM Database, **key informants**, or from the FGD.



For data collection in the focus group discussion please read the separate Guide for Facilitators.

DATA UPLOAD TO THE DATABASE

This section provides an overview of the most important steps to be taken for a successful online upload of the data to the WOCAT database. Additionally, some explanation about how to manage the data as well as the submission and review process.



Avoid most common issues when working in the WOCAT database!

- Always make sure you are logged in to the page you are working in (check upper right corner of the page for login)
- Find your draft under “My SLM Data” to continue working on your data. Avoid producing multiple drafts
- Only link already documented SLM Technologies and Approaches that were documented in the same community and/ or by the same project

To enter data in the WOCAT database, you must register as a user.

- ## Step 2: Add a gender-responsive SLM form

- Log in to <https://wocat.net/en/global-slm-database/>
- Click on **“go to the Global SLM Database”** and log in there as well: <https://qcat.wocat.net/en/wocat/>
- Select your preferred language (top right)
- Click **“Add”** under the gender-responsive SLM section
- Accept the terms and conditions to start data entry

- Click **“Start data entry”** to begin
- Complete **Sections 1 and 2** before adding focus groups
OR: **if the SLM Technology has previously been documented** in the WOCAT database, you can find and select it in the drop-down list in section 2. All questions in section 2 will be automatically filled.
- Click **“+ Add Focus Group”** to unlock Sections 3–6 (to remove a focus group, click the red bin icon)
- Use **“Save”** regularly to avoid data loss

- After the first save, your entry will appear under **"My SLM Data"** where you can continue to edit your data
- You can add editors who support you in the data entry under **"Manage Editors"** by typing their name and selecting from the dropdown (editors must first also register as user)
- Editors can only edit section 3-6 on the focus groups

- Once you complete your data entry you can click on **“Submit”**
- Your data will be shared with a reviewer who decides if more information is required
- When you receive the feedback from the reviewer, make revisions directly online and resubmit after addressing all comments and questions from reviewer

- Once your data is considered ready for publishing, WOCAT makes it available online
- Click on **"Search SLM Data"** to find your data entry in the list
- Click though the question to see the data online
- Alternatively, click on **"Print summary"** to access the PDF summary report for a more reader friendly option



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