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Results of “Draw-a-Scientist Test” administered to school children
Three Areas of Concern

1. Women’s and girls’ participation in S&T education and employment

Key recommendation:
Make educational and research organizations more successful in attracting and retaining girls and women. E.g.:
- Access to quality education
- Gender-sensitive teaching materials and work places.
Scott Gilbert’s 2009 textbook
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2. Women’s access to, development of, and ability to benefit from technology

Key recommendation:
Adopt participatory, user-driven approaches
  • To ensure women’s needs are taken into account
A woman in the Volta region of Southeast Ghana mapping well sites
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3. Gender analysis and innovations in science, knowledge, and technology design

*”Fix the knowledge”; i.e., mainstream gender analysis into research
Why is it important to mainstream gender analysis into S&T?

1. Social Justice

- Women have a right to benefit from S&T as much as men
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2. Economic Development

- Employing gender analysis and including women’s views bring new perspectives and knowledge that can fuel creativity and new jobs.
- Gender bias can be costly
Gender Bias:

Biomedical research is done primarily in human and non-human males.
Gender Bias:
Out-of-Position Drivers
Why is it important to mainstream gender analysis into S&T?

3. Promotes Excellence and Innovation

- Designing gender analysis into basic and applied research …
- Enhances scientific creativity
- Benefits society
Funding agencies that require gender analysis:

- European Union’s Directorate-General for Research & Innovation
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- World Health Organization, etc.
Women may possess unique intellectual resources, such as knowledge about the medicinal properties of plants or about preserving biodiversity.
Gender Analysis also Benefits Men
Why is it important to include women’s views and gender analysis in S&T?

3. Promotes Excellence and Innovation
   - Gender analysis serves as a resource to stimulate innovation in S&T
   - Gender analysis enhances the lives of men and women across both the developing and developed worlds
What is to be Done?

Fix the Girls’ and Women’s Access to Education and Employment

Fix Girls’ and Women’s Access to Technology

**Fix Human Knowledge by including Women’s Views and Gender Analysis**