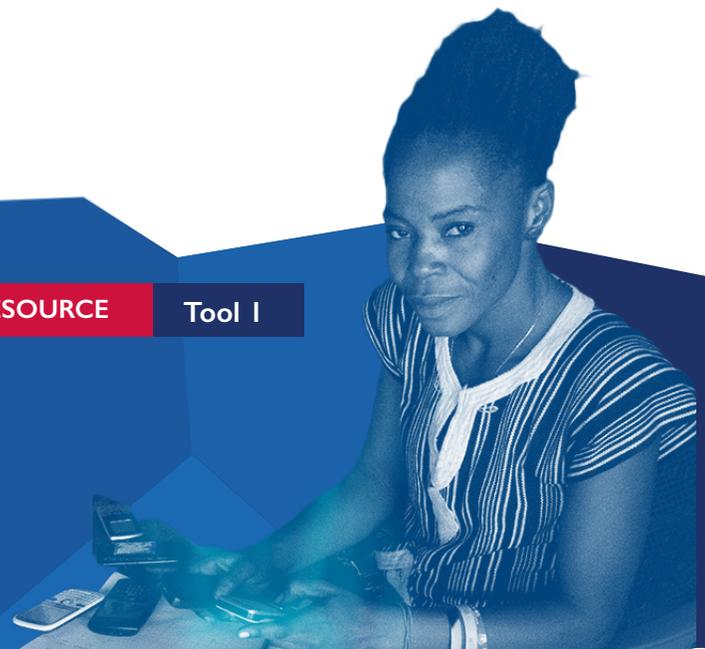


GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS

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Gender analyses are required as a preliminary step to inform country, project, and activity-level design and development. Adding a gender digital divide component to a gender analysis with a WEEGE lens allows program developers to examine all sectors in relation to digital realities.

Tool I is a set of gender digital divide illustrative questions that can be used strategically to consider and prioritize issues related to the gender digital divide—issues that are directly related to women's economic empowerment—when designing gender analyses with a WEEGE lens at the country, project, or activity levels.

BOX I. SPECIFIC USAID SECTORS, OR CROSS-CUTTING?

Women and girls are not a sector; they are an audience, with multiple segments within that audience. The gender digital divide potentially cuts across all sectors, as do the factors that limit equitable access and use of ICT.

Many of the questions in Tool I are not specific to a sector. There are also some basic sector-specific questions, for each sector. It is recommended that USAID staff make use of both the questions for their particular sector, and also the most relevant cross-cutting questions.

USING THE TOOL I ILLUSTRATIVE QUESTIONS

These questions are based on the existing research and state of knowledge regarding the gender digital divide, and they represent the critical areas that all sectors need to address.

Asking these questions can highlight pertinent information on women's and girls' access to and use of ICT. This process can help to prioritize and refine research questions, informing the development of informant interview and focus group questions at the early stages of analysis.

The broad range of questions mirror the WEEGE illustrative questions, covering the five [ADS 205](#) domains of gender analysis:

- laws, policies, regulations, and institutional practices
- cultural norms and beliefs
- gender roles, responsibilities, and time use
- access to and control over assets and resources
- patterns of power and decision-making

[Click here to access the illustrative gender digital divide questions spreadsheet.](#)

BOX 2. USING TOOL 1 IN PARALLEL WITH THE [WEEGE TECHNICAL GUIDE](#) TOOLS

The gender digital divide illustrative questions of Tool 1 follow the same structure and approach as the WEEGE Technical Guide and are designed to be used in parallel with it. Readers who want more detail on how to implement Tool 1 can find this in Unit 3 of the WEEGE Technical Guide, “Integrating WEEGE into a gender analysis toolbox.”

The toolbox contains step-by-step guidance, tools, and templates on how to integrate WEEGE into a gender analysis, from planning and design to implementation. Both these tools lay out WEEGE categories and present illustrative questions to provide the foundation for incorporating a WEEGE lens into a gender analysis, adhering to the guidance found in [ADS 201](#) and [205](#).

DOCUMENTS IN THE GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE GENDER ANALYSIS TECHNICAL RESOURCE



HOW TO USE THIS GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE GENDER ANALYSIS TECHNICAL RESOURCE



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TOOL 3: ADDRESSING THE GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE IN PROJECT AND ACTIVITY DESIGN



TOOL 4: GENDER DIGITAL DIVIDE ILLUSTRATIVE INDICATORS



RESOURCES 1–4: KEY DATA AND DOCUMENTS