

Understanding Climate Risks

Through an Intersectional Approach (iCRA)

Action research to advance integration of intersectional approaches in adaptation processes and policies

PROJECT GOAL

To strengthen the evidence base on intersectional approaches to climate change adaptation for climate change practitioners and policy-makers.

PARTNERS

International Institute for Sustainable Development

In Nepal: Prakriti Resources Centre, Tewa

– Women's Fund of Nepal, and Community Development & Advocacy Forum Nepal

In South Africa: Urban Earth, Triangle Project, and the Western Cape Association of and for Persons with Disabilities

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

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Project Description

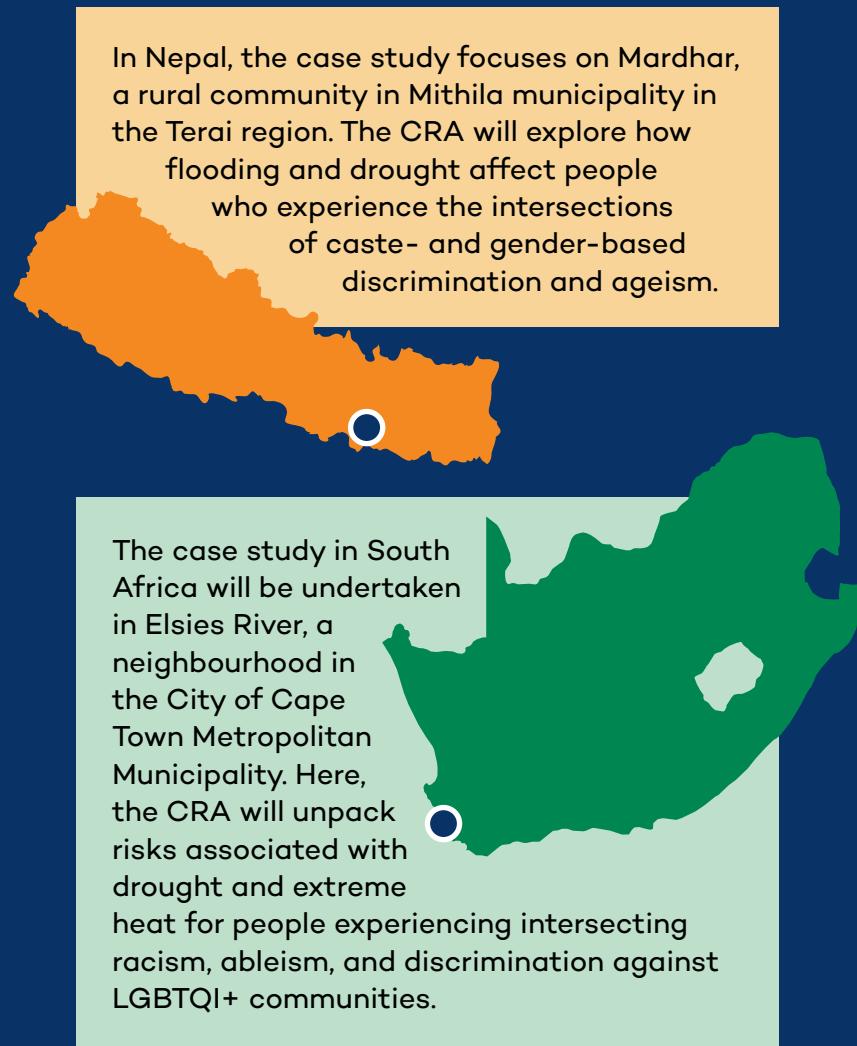
Intersectionality considers how forms of discrimination—such as racism and ableism, for example—overlap and interact to advantage some people while disadvantaging others, thereby creating intersecting systems of inequity.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) identifies intersectionality as a fundamental question for just and equitable climate change adaptation. While there is increasing recognition that an intersectional approach is needed to reach the people most at risk from the impacts of climate change, it remains unclear how to apply intersectionality in practice.

Climate risk assessments (CRAs) create the foundation for adaptation by building understanding of impacts and vulnerabilities.

Through case studies in Nepal and South Africa, the iCRA project will pilot an intersectional approach to CRA, analyzing how systems of inequity influence exposure and vulnerability to climate hazards and what this means for adaptation action.

Central to the approach is collaboration with partners who provide services to and advocate for marginalized groups within the communities of focus. They will both contribute expertise and lead engagement with members of their constituencies. Through a knowledge co-production process, the project will generate evidence-based guidance and recommendations to inform policy and practice.



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