

Module 3: Water and Equity

Aim:

Introduce the concepts and approaches of equity so that participants will be able to plan and manage the water in an equitable manner

ILOs:

At the end of this module, the participants will be able to

- categorize the social stratification (class, caste, gender)
- describe the terms equity, equality, rights and entitlements, basic need, livelihood, common pool resources, etc.
- explain the importance of equity in achieving the IWRM goals
- compare and explain the different equity approaches
- analyze and assess the equity in a given context
- develop different tools (policy, laws, strategies, mechanisms, institutional mechanisms, techniques, etc.) for operationalizing equity in water sector

Contents:

Social stratification:

- Historical perspective,
- causes and elements,
- social implications

Concepts of equity and equality in water sector:

- Definitions and concepts
- water as a local and non-local resource,
- externalities and asymmetric relationships,
- water distribution and use,
- Inter-sectoral, intra-sectoral, regional, inter and intra generational

Property rights and entitlements in water:

- water as state, private, common pool, open access resource and implications for equity

Equity in the context of;

- **ecosystem** (biophysical resource),
- **socio-cultural** (right based approach, participatory approach),
- **economic** (efficiency, pricing, subsidizing), and
- **political** (allocation among the above three) aspects

Monitoring, analysis and assessment of equity:

- Indicators,
- biomass approach,
- limitations, challenges

Enabling environment:

- Tools, instruments,
- institutional arrangements for ensuring equity

Manifestation of equity on the ground:

- case studies, field visits