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Men and women often have different roles with regard to forest resource management. They play different parts in planting, protecting or caring for seedlings and small trees, as well as in planting and maintaining homestead woodlots and plantations on public lands. Men are more likely to be involved in extracting timber and non-timber forest products (NTFPs) for commercial purposes. Women typically gather forest products for fuel, fencing, food for the family, fodder for livestock and raw materials to produce natural medicines, all of which help to increase family income (Aguilar et al., 2007). The incorporation of gender considerations into the REDD and REDD-plus frameworks brings about increased efficiency and sustainability as it contributes to women's involvement and commitment who are crucial players of local forest management. A gender perspective in REDD and REDD-plus initiatives also ensures the integration of the wealth of unique knowledge, skills and experience of women which is vital to successful REDD-related initiatives.

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