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A curated list of GEDSI in economic growth, market systems development, and trade resources for practitioners



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Quickish Reads, Guidance & Reports

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- [Beyond Easy Metrics: Evaluating what matters for women entrepreneurs](#) (Tanvi Jaluka, J-PAL)
- [Bridging the Gap in Plant Health Systems: The role of gender-transformational advisory models in enhancing women's empowerment in agriculture](#) (O. Ayuya, W. Ochilo, B. Mutuku, I. Mugambi, L. Ntirampeba, C. Niyongere, E. Habindavyi, M. Hakizimana, A. Otieno, C. Lutomia, E. Ndishimiyimana, P. Ndayihanzamaso, F.Mbugua, M. Bundi, S. Phelps, J. Vos, B. Terefe, CABI)
- [Embracing Innovation and Inclusion: Strengthening Kenya's beauty sector for host communities and urban refugees](#) (ILO)
- [Facing Resistance to Safeguarding Work and Work to Address GBVH or SEAH in Workplaces](#) (Social Development Direct)
- [Family Food Teams: Fact sheet](#) (PHAMA Plus, DT Global)
- [Global GESI in Market Systems Development Conversation Series](#) (Holly Lard Krueger, The Canopy Lab)

Guidance & Reports

- [Addressing Care in Times of Conflict and Crisis](#) (UN Women)
- [Centring Care In Africa's Fiscal and Development Agenda](#) (Institute for Economic Justice)
- [Closing the Gap: A data outlook on women's economic opportunities](#) (T. Gbadegesin, M. Nettikumara, G. Tefera, N. Datta, N. Akon, U. Chopra, S. Mehmood, IFC)
- [Design and Implementation Guidance: Women in Agriculture Extension and Advisory Services](#) (David, Soniia, Valerie Rhoe Davis and Raphia Ngoutane, CRS)
- [Economic Value of Unpaid Domestic and Care Work in Kenya 2025](#) (Kenya National Bureau of Statistics)
- [Empowering Female Entrepreneurship in the Pacific: Fiscal reforms for formalization and growth](#) (Hannelore Niesten, We-Fi and ADB)
- [Facilitating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in Market Systems Development](#) (Reema Shrestha and Fouzia Nasreen, Swisscontact)
- [Gender Equality in Transport Tool Kit: Moving Toward Gender Transformative Transport Systems in Asia and the Pacific](#) (Sonal Shah and Claire Charnnac, ADB)
- [Katalis' Trade and GEDSI A to Z](#) (Holly Lard Krueger, The Canopy Lab)
- [Manual for Producing Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion Statistics Companion to Guidelines for Collecting, Analyzing, and Using GEDSI Data in the Lao People's Democratic Republic](#) (Lao Statistics Bureau and ADB)
- [Promoting Women's Leadership What Works, What Doesn't, and What's Missing](#) (Francesca Bramucci, Ana María Muñoz Boudet and Mariana Viollaz, World Bank)

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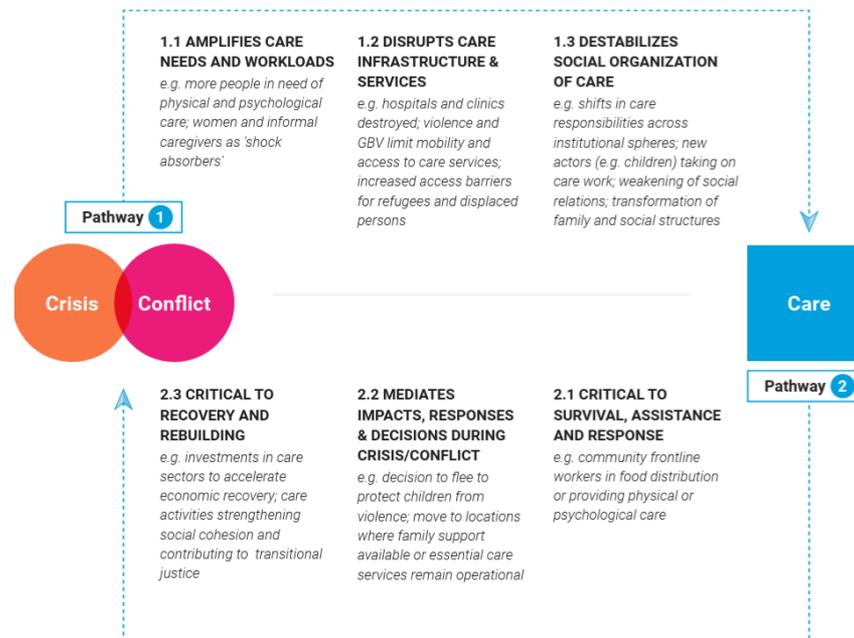
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The Care Diamond



The two-way linkages between care, conflict and crisis: Challenges and opportunities



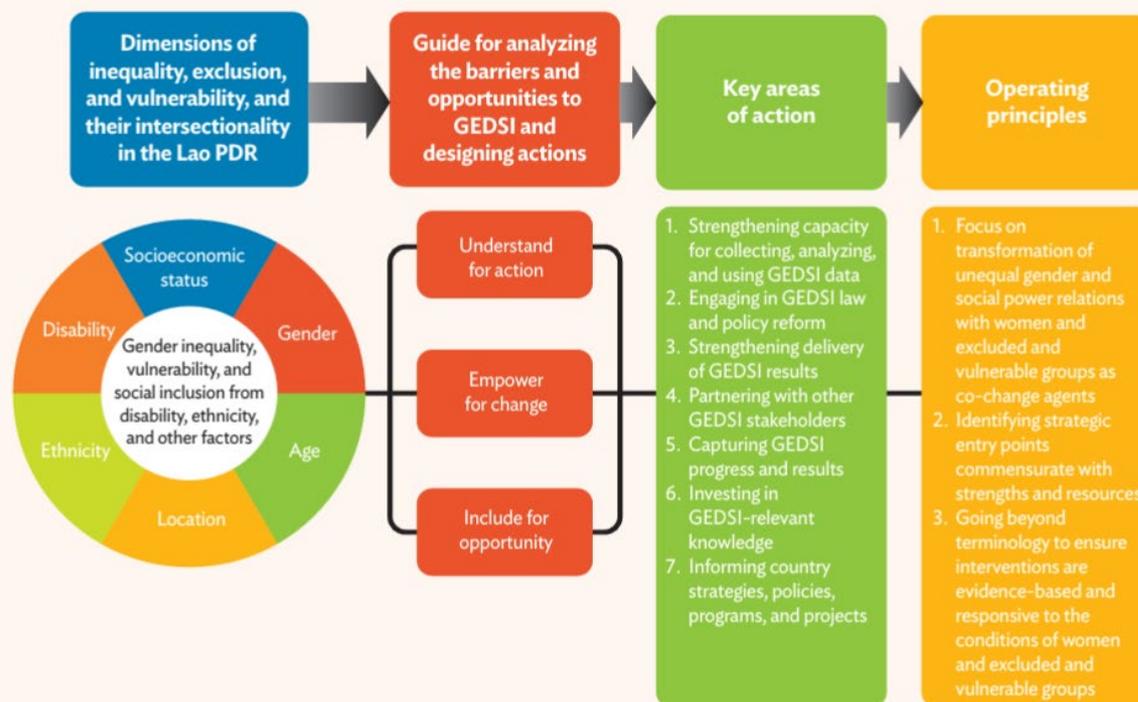
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Figure 1: Framework for Collection, Analysis, and Use of Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion Data



GEDSI = gender equality, disability, and social inclusion; Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Note: Adapted from Asian Development Bank. 2023. *Framework for Integrating Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in ADB's South Asia Operations*, contextualized for the Lao PDR's GEDSI approach.

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Digital & Financial Inclusion



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Quick Reads

- [AI and Gender-Lens Investing: Considerations for monitoring and evaluation and investment decision-making](#) (Becky Zelikson, KORE Global)
- [Beyond Borders: Expanding financial inclusion through e-commerce](#) (Catherine Highet, Edel Were, Diana Mutabazi, Fahari Marwa, CGAP)
- [Bridging Gender and Finance: WUSC'S approach to inclusive entrepreneurship in Sri Lanka](#) (WUSC)
- [Bridging the Digital Divide: Harnessing artificial intelligence for gender equality in Asia and the Pacific](#) (Jinha Kim and Byeongjo Kong, ADB)
- [How Do Financial Services and the Broader Ecosystem Play a Role in Building the Climate Resilience Amongst Marginalised, Rural Communities in East And Southern Africa?](#) (Anne Brady, Naomi Somerville-Large and James Naughton, DAI)
- [How Performance-Based Incentives Changed Mindsets and Improved Supply Chain Resilience in a Honduran Textile Manufacturer](#) (We-Fi)
- [In Sierra Leone, Inclusive Finance is Key to Protecting Coastlines](#) (Archibald Shodeke and Max Mattern, CGAP)
- [Unlocking Invisible Barriers to Women's Inclusion in East Africa](#) (Antonique Koning and Sophie Mills, CGAP)

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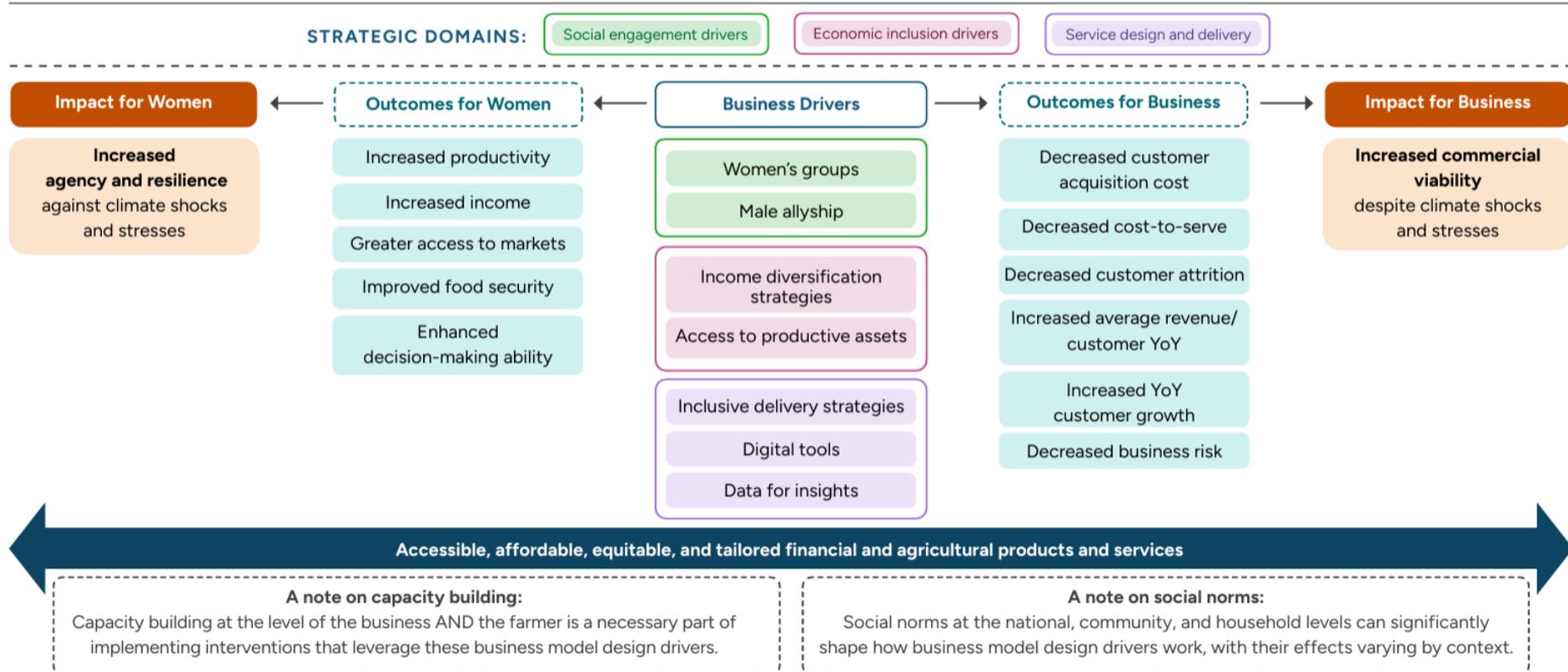
- [A Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit: Gender equality and cybersecurity](#) (Cyber4Dev)
- [Diagnosing Gender Norms in the Financial Market System: A practical guide](#) (Nisha Singh, Joanna Ledgerwood, and Antonique Koning, CGAP)
- [Inclusive Business in Action: Initial Analyses of ABERA Cohort 1 Financial and Agricultural Service Providers](#) (Jamie Anderson, CGAP)
- [Mapping the Scale and Scope of Just Transition Finance in Private Credit and Equity Funds](#) (Arka Chanda and Judith Tyson, Just Transition Finance Lab)
- [Survivor-Centered Digital Solutions for Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment](#) (Priyanka Chirimar, ADB)

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Seven Business Drivers: Early Lessons from Cohort 1

FIGURE 1. ABERA inclusive finance learning framework



Source: Were et al. 2025

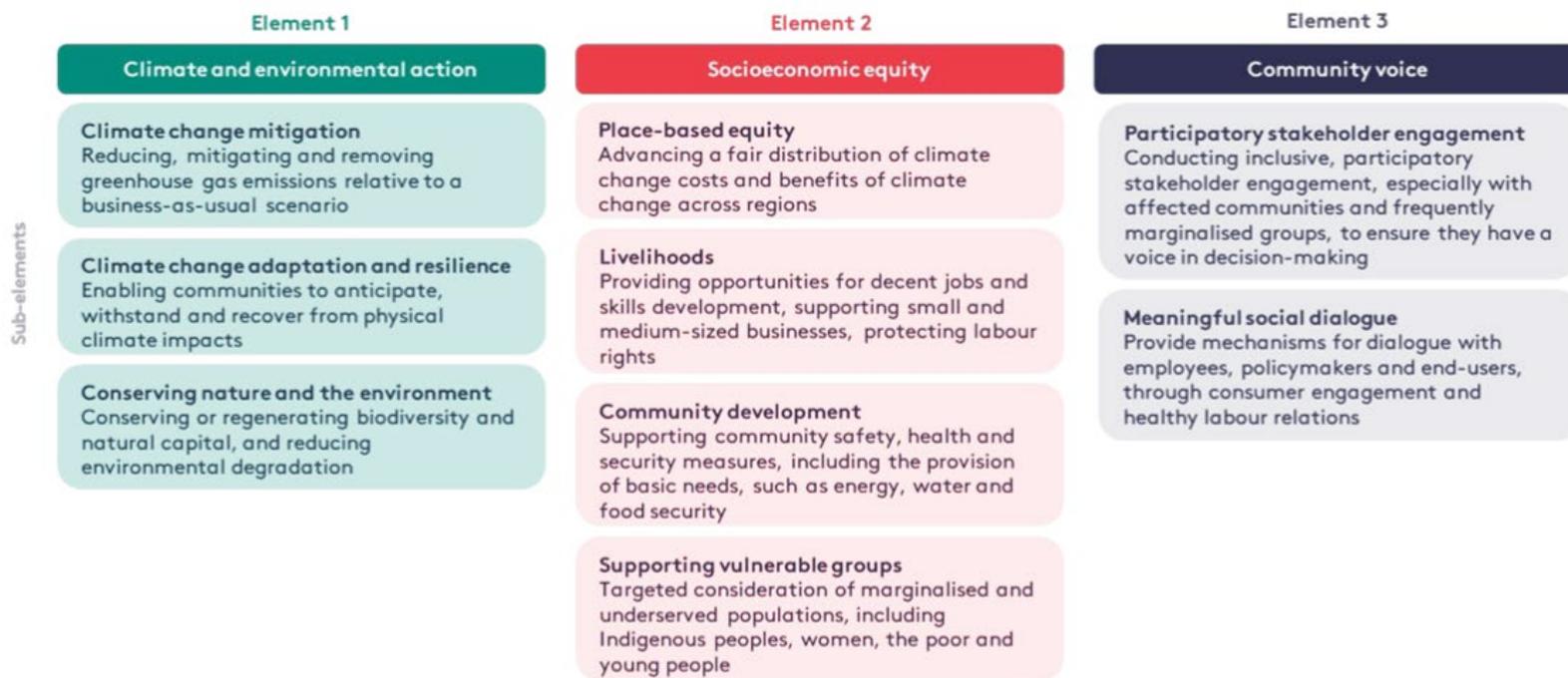
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Figure 3.1. Elements of the just transition



Source: Adapted by the authors from Impact Investing Institute (2023) and Tyson et al. (2025)

Mapping the Scale and Scope of Just Transition Finance in Private Credit and Equity Funds (Arka Chanda and Judith Tyson, Just Transition Finance Lab)

Climate Resilience



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- [Addressing the Plastic Waste Crisis: Why Women Matter](#) (Jill Sackett, Resonance)
- [A Guide to Mainstreaming Inclusion in Climate Resilience](#) (Australia-Pacific Partnership Platform)
- [Care Work, Climate Change & Private Sector Development: Synthesis Note](#) (Ella Duffy, DCED)
- [Why Gender Inclusion Must Drive the Just Energy Transition](#) (Bathandwa Vazi, Tara Laan, IISD)

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- [Adapting on the Edge: Accelerating climate resilience through market systems development in fragility and displacement context](#) (Paul Joicey, ILO)
- [Gendered Barriers Facing Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises in the Digital and Green Economy in Major Cambodian Cities](#) (Yuki Kanayama, Sivly Houy, and Naron Veung, ADB)
- [Gender in Business: Lessons Learned for Last Mile Distributors](#) (Value for Women)
- [Guidance Note on Just Transition and Women's Entrepreneurship Development](#) (Shared Planet, ILO)
- [The Climate-Care Nexus: A conceptual framework](#) (Southern Centre for Inequality Studies)
- [The Green Edge: Women's employment and leadership for sustainable business in Viet Nam](#) (IFC)

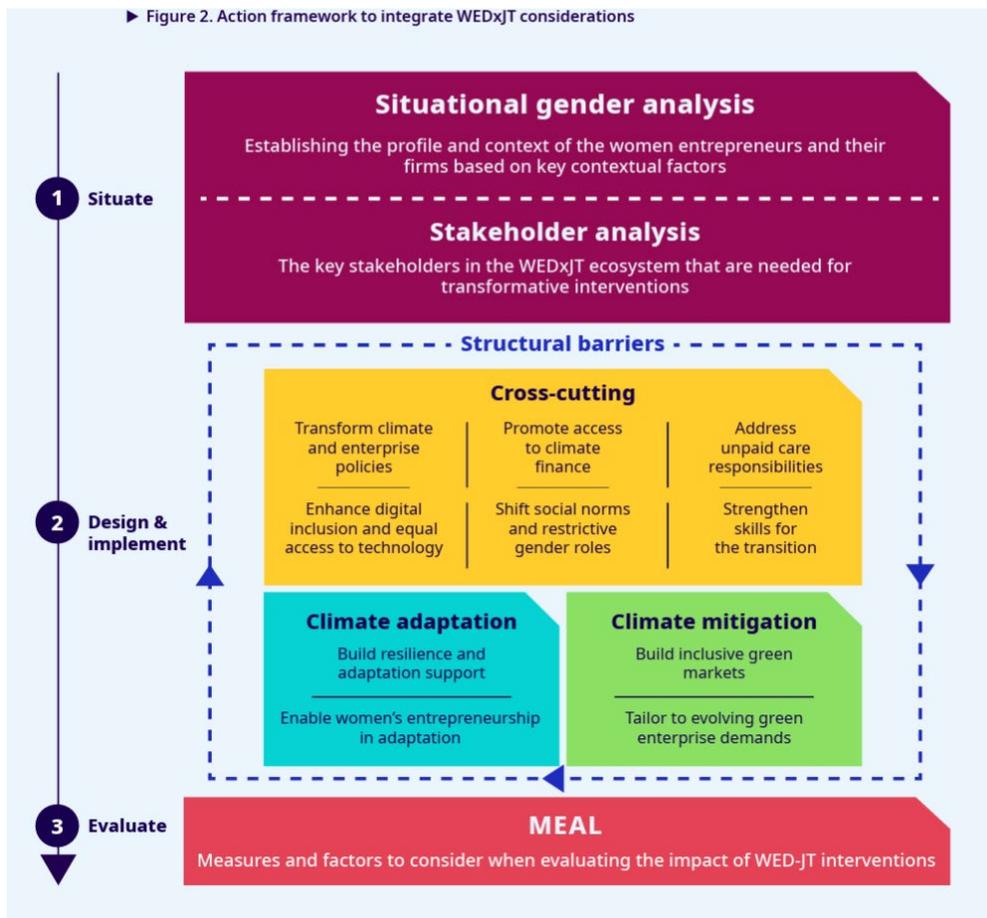
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► Figure 2. Action framework to integrate WEDxJT considerations



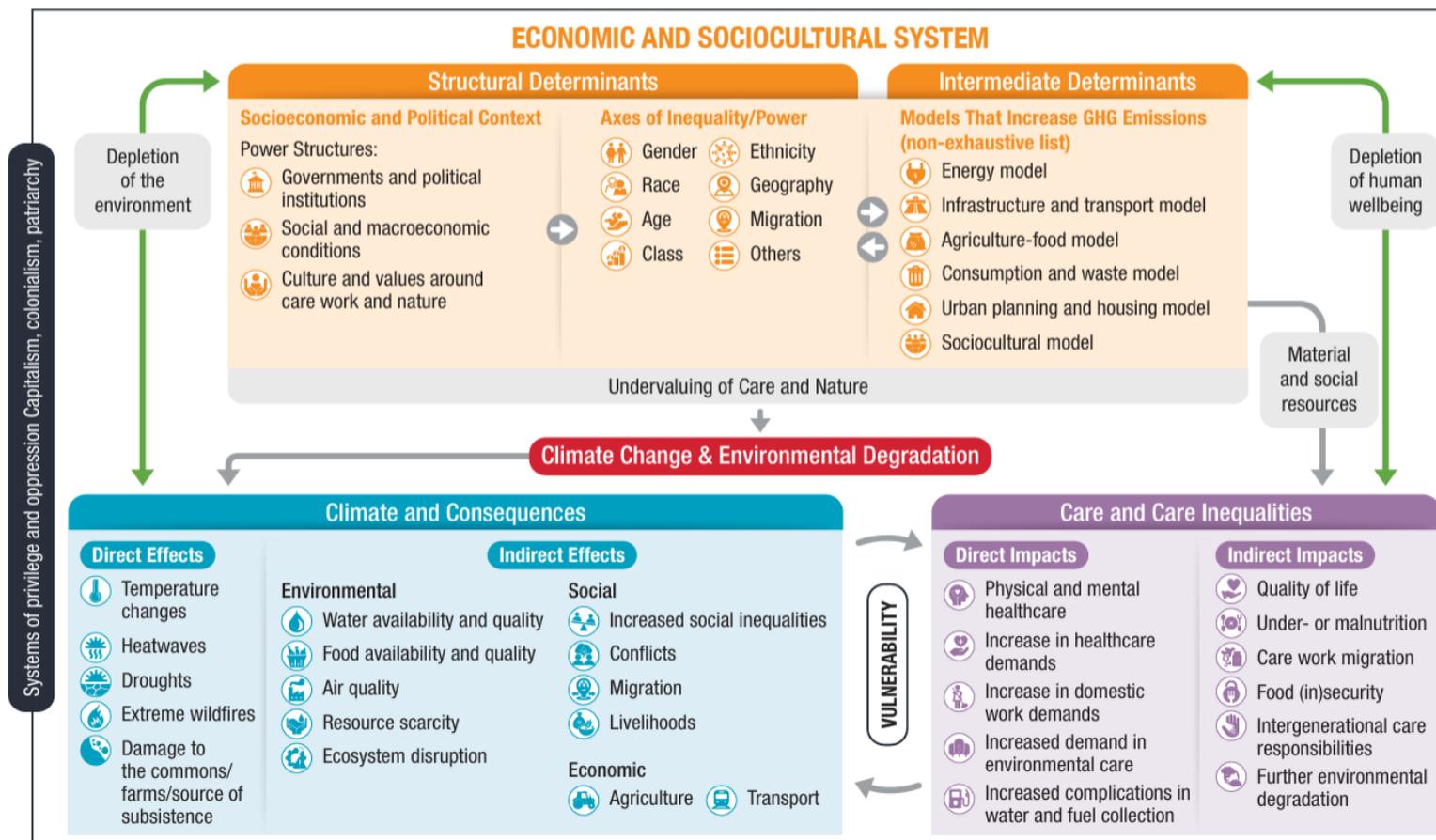
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FIGURE 4: Conceptual framework linking care, care inequalities and climate change



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About the Canopy Cut



The Canopy Cut is a quick reference resource for market systems and private sector development practitioners interested in the practical application of current trends in Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI). It features a curated selection of resources, from blogs and infographics to detailed guidance, published on public platforms such as the BEAM Exchange, DCED, and LinkedIn.

The Canopy Cut is not intended to be comprehensive, and the emphasis on different aspects of GEDSI may vary from edition to edition.

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[The Canopy Lab](#), a US small business, works with diverse clients to address complex problems through a systems lens. We are specialized in economic growth, the environment, finance, inclusion, market systems, monitoring, evaluation and learning, trade, and workforce development.

Our team comprises technical experts and systems practitioners with extensive experience implementing inclusive economic development programs around the world.

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