

The use of Rasch scales in monitoring, gender analysis and attitude measurement

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Monitoring systems occasionally incorporate elements of action research. A water and sanitation project in northern Bangladesh elaborated a Gender Analytic Framework to help organize public conversations on gender roles in household, village and local government. Trained volunteers facilitated sessions and recorded responses to 29 gender-related items in 988 villages over four years. [I myself went to see the Chairman!](#) analyzes the change in gender role attitudes with the help of [Rasch scales](#). The tool achieves two things: It provides a summary attitude measure out of a large heterogeneous material. It thus makes gender attitudes amenable to analysis in terms of community baseline attributes, WatSan project inputs and pre-existing local attitudes.

Benini, Aldo, Reazul Karim et al.: *I myself went to see the Chairman!* Change in gender role attitudes in a water and sanitation project in northern Bangladesh. An analysis of DASCOS Gender Analytical Framework data, 2011–2014. Rashahi and Sunamganj, Bangladesh: DASCOS Development Association for Self-reliance, Communication and Health, 2014.

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