

# Data challenges for tracking progress in policies for women's empowerment and family planning in Thailand



## Topic

- Overview of Thailand Statistical System
- Sector Statistics Development Plan
- Challenges in tracking progress in policies for women's empowerment
- Measures that have been taken to address those challenges
- future plans for improvement
- unmet needs from users side

## Thailand Statistical System

- A decentralized statistical system
- Thailand NSO is responsible for
  - collecting and publishing fundamental statistics for national development
  - coordinate with line ministries to formulate 21 sector Statistics Development Plans
- Each province has provincial statistical bureau in charge of collecting data for periodical surveys of NSO and coordinate with statistical agencies within provinces.

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## Sector Statistics development plan

- 5-year Plan formulated by Sector Statistical committees in line with Thailand Statistical Master Plan(TSMP) and the 5-year National Social and Economic Development Plan(NESDP)
- There is 21 Sectors Statistics Committees which each sector has secretariat from core agency from focal line ministry and NSO

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## Gender Statistics Development Plan (GSDP)

- Was formulated by Gender Statistics Committee which chaired by Permanent Secretary of Social Development and Human Security Ministry and secretariat by department of woman's affair and family development and NSO.
- Consist of
  - Policies related to gender equality and women empowerment in line with NESDP (not include family planning which in health sectors)
  - Indicators and statistics for those policy and status of data availability.
  - statistical capacity development for related agencies.

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## Challenges in tracking progress in policies for women's empowerment

- Available data are not comprehensive and not regularly produced.
- Lack of data and no responsible agencies.
- Source of data come from many agencies and different definitions.
- No aggregate data for some indicators in national level (for instance ; number of women at executive and decision-making levels, etc).
- No sex disaggregation in some sectors (Such as health, justice sector etc.)
- Lack of statistical capacity and resources.

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## Measure that have been taken to address those challenges

- Implement Gender Statistics Development Plan and report to the Cabinet
  - Coordinate with related agencies in order to produce data for tracking policy's indicators, promote producing of sex-disaggregated data, etc.
  - Promote use of administrative data from related agencies.
  - Develop statistical capacity building in line ministries.

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## Current action

- Provide annual report 2015 to the cabinet.
- Formulate draft 2<sup>nd</sup> TSMP.
- Reviewing related indicators (MD + Regional core set, SDGs, IMD, etc.)

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## Future plan

- **Establishing Statistics and Indicators on Gender to support policy formulation making on Gender equality and Women's Empowerment**
  - Identifying Data Availability and Data Sources of the indicators (*Discussions, Meetings*)
  - Developing National Gender statistics and indicators decision supporting systems (*Meetings*)
  - Develop data gap and find out appropriate methodology for data collection (*meeting*)
  - Compile gender indicators from available data sources
  - Enhancing Data sharing system

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## Future plan (cont'd)

- **Strengthening Statistical Units related to Gender Issue and data dissemination and analysis**
  - Raising Awareness for relevant government agencies at Policy-making levels (*MOU, inter-agencies meetings*)
  - Gender statistical capacity building, Skill training on Gender Sensitivity for Data Producers (*Workshops*)
  - Skill Training on statistic Dissemination and Gender Analysis (*Workshops*)
  - Enhancing cooperation among government agencies through Inter-agencies meetings
  - Promote Gender budgeting

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## Future plan (cont'd)

- Monitoring and follow-up 2nd GSDP
  - Meetings on follow up 2<sup>nd</sup> GSDP Implementation (*Gender Statistic Committee Meeting and line ministries meetings*)
  - Data Equality Assessment (*Self-assessment Questionnaires*)
- Provide annual report 2016 to the cabinet.

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## Unmet needs from users side

- No data center for collecting administrative data from data providers (line ministry level and local level)
- No information system for tracking national women policy development and for international organizations.

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