Supporting the production and use of gender statistics in Asia and the Pacific

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Identifying gender data needs

1) Information needs from policies
2) Related data gaps

(desk review + interviews + coordination groups + CSOs)
Uneven coverage of gender in the SDG framework

Across the 17 SDGs, GENDER has been mainstreamed BUT unevenly

- Gender-sensitive: Include numerous indicators that are gender-specific
  - 53 out of 232 indicators are gender-specific

- Gender-sparse: Direct mention of sex-disaggregation in very few indicators

- Gender-blind: No gender angle in any of the indicators
  - 6 of the SDGs, mostly environment-related
Gender data needs for SDG monitoring

More gender data is available for long-term policy areas of interest

“Newer” SDG areas require further methodological, training and data collection work
Other gender data needs across the region

Identified in liaison with:
- National governments
- Regional bodies (e.g. ASEAN, Pacific Gender Statistics Coordination group, etc.)
- Civil Society Organizations
Supporting data production and use: A three pillar approach

CHALLENGES TO GENDER DATA PRODUCTION/USE

Weak policy space
- Lack of political will
- Inadequate resources

Technical challenges
- Limited coordination among NSS actors
- Limited technical capacity in methodologically challenging areas

Lack of access to data
- Limited awareness
- Insufficient dissemination/communication
- User-producer disconnect

SOLUTIONS (INCLUDING WOMEN COUNT)

Enabling environment
- Strategies/Laws prioritize gender data
- Gender-sensitive SDG localization
- Intergovernmental work for methodological developments and S-S cooperation

Gender data production
- Build capacity & financially support collection of data on Time Use, Environment, Violence
- Reprocess existing data
- Big data analysis

Data dissemination & use
- Communicating data efficiently
- Better exchanges (SDMX)
- User-producer dialogues

Source: Making Every Woman and Girl Count Inception document
Progress made in improving gender data availability

- Gender-environment indicators, model questionnaire and methodological guidelines
- Gender-Environment/Resilience surveys in Mongolia, Bangladesh, Samoa, Solomon Islands
- Leading development of supervisory care guidelines in international working group
- Time Use Survey Bangladesh, study in Afghanistan
- Pacific Roadmap on Gender statistics
- Coordination group & Trainings (with SPC and SIAP)
- Women and sustainable energy in the Pacific
Progress made in improving gender data use
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