Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in ASEAN: A Cross Cutting Priority

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Enhancing Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
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Gender equality as a key driver for the implementation of the Complementarities Roadmap (2020-2025) in COVID-19 response and recovery

ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework and the new ASEAN-UN Plan of Action 2021-2025 both call for:

- Gender mainstreaming as a cross cutting priorities
- Women’s leadership and participation are key for COVID-19 response and recovery

Building on the existing ASEAN-UN Women joint work programme:

- Implementation of Regional Framework for Gender Mainstreaming
- Gender and Social Inclusion is one of the key guiding principle in the New AADMER 2021-2025

Building on Concrete Support to ASEAN aligned with Complementarities Roadmap

- Gender data and statistics for monitoring the SDGs
- Resilience: Gender in DRR and humanitarian action
- Sustainable production and consumption: gender equality and climate action
- Poverty Reduction: Women entrepreneurship and private sector engagement
Gender Data and Statistics

For monitoring progress towards the SDGs across all key priorities of the Complementarities Roadmap

- Declaration on the Gender-Responsive implementation of ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Sustainable Development Goals – Complementarities Initiative
- Addressing inequalities and identifying who are the furthest behind through multiple deprivation analysis looking into intersectionality between gender and other forms of discrimination
- Provide evidence-based recommendation for policy decision making

Next steps:
- Roll out of ‘ASEAN Gender Outlook’ with Thailand MOFA and ACSDSD
- Institutionalized support ASEAN monitoring and evaluation to include gender data and statistics
- Dedicated technical support focusing on en gender disaster and environmental statistics
Gender-Responsive Resilience: practical application

- ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection Gender and Inclusion (PGI) in Disaster Management
- Virtual Road Trip Series: Capacity Development on PGI
- Positioning Paper on Gender in ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework
- Resource Library on PGI in Disaster Management IN ASEAN
State of Gender Equality in Climate Change in ASEAN

Proposed Support to ACW in 2021: Develop regional assessment

- Lay the groundwork for: (1) **cross-sectoral collaboration** on gender and climate change; and (2) development of **knowledge and evidence** in other climate-sensitive sectors

- Promote **regional learning and capacity development** for ASEAN on gender and climate change, including development of **e-learning courses** on gender and climate at the regional and country levels

- Joint **campaign and advocacy** to engage traditional and social media to promote women’s leadership and engagement in climate change and renewable energy sector

- Assess status of implementation of **CEDAW GR. 37 in ASEAN** (adopted 2018)*

*www.empowerforclimate.org
Advancing Women’s Economic Empowerment

Driving economic transformation: creating systematic change for inclusive growth in COVID19 recovery

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