Technical meeting to strengthen gender indicators and related data production and use in response to policy demands in Viet Nam

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Strengthening data and statistics for evidence-based policies and programmes to achieve gender equality and women’s empowerment

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Based on the approach adopted by an inter-governmental group: Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics in Asia-Pacific

**Goal 1:** Establishing an enabling policy environment to create and sustain demand (policy-data integration)
- Engagement of NSO with policy counterparts
- Identification of/ agreement on key statistical information needs on GEWE
- Development of related monitoring/indicator frameworks

**Goal 2:** Improving availability and quality of disaggregated statistics (statistical production)
- Application and use of existing statistical standards to improve gender-sensitive data
- Application and use of innovative approaches to enhance production of related disaggregated data.

**Goal 3:** Improving data accessibility, analysis, interpretation and use (accessibility and use)
- Use of existing data for progress monitoring and policy advocacy

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UNESCAP Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiative
Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiative: Phase I (regional-level)

- April 2018 – end of 2019

- Inception workshop, April 2018, Bangkok: Armenia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand

- Phase I focus: Goal 1 (policy-data integration) and Goal 3 (data accessibility and use)

- Substantive focus: women’s economic empowerment (WEE)
  - Unpaid work, women’s asset ownership, entrepreneurship, informal sector, informal employment, workplace VAW...
  - SDGs (1-5, 8, 10...), Commission on the Status of Women (CSW61), UN Secretary-General’s High-level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment, Country needs assessments
Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiative (national level)

Goal 1

1. A generic Policy-Data Integration Tool (EPIC) to strengthen responsiveness of NSS to policy demands

Goal 3

2. Template/guidelines for progress assessment & analysis (to be applied on selected GEWE/WEE issues)

- Recommendations towards a comprehensive national indicator set on GEWE/WEE.
- Policy-responsive GEWE/WEE data.
- Recommendations for GEWE/WEE policy refinement.

Analytical/data-driven publication on GEWE:
- Use of existing data
- Policy advocacy/ awareness raising
Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiative: Viet Nam’s case

Why now?

2006: Adoption of the Gender Equality Law

2010: Adoption of the Gender Equality Strategy (2011-2020)

2011: Promulgation of the set of national indicators on gender-related development statistics

2013: Adoption of the Global Minimum Set of Gender Indicators

2015: - Adoption of the Core Set of Gender Indicators for Asia and the Pacific
   - Adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
   - Adoption of a new Statistics Law

2016 & 2017: Prime Minister decisions mandating the GSO to review and revise the first set of National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development

Aligns with purpose of EPIC
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Objectives

- Advocate for a common platform for effective user-producer dialogue to improve gender statistics/indicators
- Enhance understanding of information needs in relevant policy documents in the context of gender equality and women's empowerment
- Enhance knowledge on quality aspects and necessary considerations for the formulation of national gender indicators

Outputs

- Set up the foundations for long-term user-producer engagement for the production and use of quality gender statistics/indicators
- Set of recommendations to consolidate the second draft of National Statistical Indicators on Gender Development

Assess further needs for capacity development on gender-related data production, analysis, dissemination and use, including in the context of supporting SDG monitoring.
Viet Nam’s technical meeting: design of the sessions

[Sessions 1]
Setting the scene on the policy-data landscape for gender equality and women’s empowerment (GEWE) in Viet Nam

- Concept of policy-data integration
- Introduction to Viet Nam's policy and data landscape on gender equality and women's empowerment

[Session 2]
A structured approach for identifying data needs and indicators

- Introduction to the generic Policy-Data Integration tool
- Experimentation of the EPIC tool on an article of the Gender Equality Law

[Session 3]
EPIC - Project work
(2 days, 19-21 March 2019)

- Phase 1: Assessing the coverage of the Gender Equality Law & Strategy for issues for action, associating with core concepts and identifying reference population and target groups
- Phase 2: Understanding indicator classification and identifying relevant indicators for monitoring from national, regional and global indicator sets
- Conclusion: Results and lessons learned from the application of the EPIC tool
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 key areas

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

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Enabling environment
- Strategies/Laws prioritize gender data
- Localization support
- Intergovernmental work

Gender data production
- TUS, Violence surveys, CRVS
- Reprocessing existing data

Data dissemination & use
- Communicating data
- SDMX
- User-producer dialogues
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[Session 4]
Aligning indicators to data sources and production cycles

- User-producer dialogue on priorities for gender data production and use in Vietnam
- Linking existing data sources to priority indicators
- Identifying gaps and priority solutions

[Session 5]
Gender data dissemination, analysis, communication and use

- Introduction to the basics of gender data dissemination
- Designing and disseminating gender data products
- Analyzing gender data for communication purposes
- Establishing long term strategies to disseminate gender data in Vietnam
- Opportunities and challenges for long term collaboration between gender data users and producers
- Planning future collaboration

Outcome

A long term collaboration strategy between data users and producers in Vietnam
A plan for ESCAP and UN Women to support Vietnam in the production and use of gender statistics