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Gender Policy-Data Integration: the Philippine Experience

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The concepts, procedures and uses of the UNESCAP Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiative and the EPIC tool were piloted in Samoa and the Philippines through the conduct of a workshop in each country. In the Philippines, the Magna Carta of Women was used as the policy that was integrated with the gender data needs and available gender data/indicators in the Philippine national gender indicators. The national gender data/indicators available in the Philippines were those being produced by PSA and other members of the PSS. These were compiled by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), which is more on the side of the policy maker and user of gender statistics. Most of those core regional gender indicators that were agreed upon by the participants in the EGM-GS held in 2015 in Bangkok were also included in the national gender indicators compiled by PCW. Using the EPIC tool, the issues/actions, target groups, the gender indicators needed were linked with the national gender indicators and with the regional/global indicators. Afterwards, the data gaps, missing target groups and mismatching of the national indicators with the regional and global indicators were determined. The EPIC tool helped the Philippine core team to determine whether the national gender indicators being used in monitoring the plans and programs for the gender and development in the country are in line with the Agenda 2030; that is, there are no target groups among women and children to be left behind. This tool is also useful in user-producer-policymaker dialogue for the improvement and wider use of gender statistics as well as in the gender policies/plans/programs to be written, prepared, approved and implemented in the Philippines.

The outcome for the Gender Policy-Data Integration in the Philippines did not end with the workshop; the core team on gender (composed of selected staff from PSA, PCW and NEDA) committed to doing the following: the identification of the goals, targets and corresponding indicators based on the results of the application of EPIC tool on the MCW. Data sources from the log frame of the MCW will be identified so that data will be accessed to estimate the different indicators needed for the progress assessment and monitoring. As of now, this is the suggested method to be used; however, there will be other appropriate method(s) that can be used by the core team, which is still to be determined.