Gender Statistics as an Educational and Empowerment Tool

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Abstract:

This presentation will focus on educational programs on gender statistics conducted by National Women's Education Center (NWEC). Since established in 1977, NWEC has applied gender statistics as a tool to achieve women's empowerment and has been actively engaged in conducting research and training on gender statistics, developing educational materials and disseminating through different channels. 3 major targets and programs on gender statistics can be explained as (i) conducting research on gender statistics and developing gender statistics teaching material, (ii) organizing training of staff tasked to promote gender equality in various fields: local governments, gender equality centers, corporations, universities, and women's organizations, etc. (iii) promoting local level lifelong learning programs on gender statistics as an instrument for empowerment. Significance of utilizing gender statistics as a tool for education and empowerment and barriers faced in the process will be discussed.