Application of the EPIC tool in the Magna Carta of Women in the Philippines

Introduction

- The Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiatives with an integration tool were introduced in the ESCAP Regional Workshop on "Understanding data needs for inclusive development" held on 28-30 November 2017, Bangkok, Thailand;
- The initiatives were further revised and finalized in which the integration tool was finally determined and known to be "EPIC" (Every Policy is Connected to people, planet and prosperity) tool;
- The EPIC tool was presented and tested in another Regional Workshop on Gender Policy-Data Initiative: Inception Workshop (21-23 April 2018, Bangkok, Thailand);
- The results of this workshop led to the further revision the EPIC to suit to the needs of the Asia-Pacific countries.

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- EPIC covers social, economic, environmental and institutional principles and aims to assess policies and data and official statistics for inclusive development (i.e., inclusive of all target groups and consistent with commonly agreed development principles).

- The EPIC tool aims to

  a. understand the gaps in policy and data in addressing the issues to all relevant target groups

  b. integrate the social, economic, environmental, and institutional principles into every policy and associated monitoring framework, where relevant

  c. identify tailored indicators that allow for effective monitoring of policy and planned development priorities, consistent across national planning and resourcing mechanisms

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- The EPIC tool aims to

  d. create a common platform for effective user-producer dialogue in an equal environment where both policy and data are being benchmarked against a set of principles agreed upon by national stakeholders.

  e. in the longer term and if practiced regularly, increase ownership of indicators and statistics among policy makers and enhance political and financial support to development of national statistical systems

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- Expected Outcomes

  a. A national sustainable development indicator set (NSDIS) that addresses the need for monitoring of national and sectoral policies, and provide full coverage of the policy actions and target groups that in principle must be covered by such policies; and

  b. A set of recommendations for policy makers to: review the coverage of policy actions and target groups in the existing policies, and promote better integration between policy programmes

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Magna Carta of Women (MCW) - recognizes that the economic, political, and sociocultural realities affect the women's current condition, hence, the State (Philippines)

- affirms the role of women in nation building and ensures the substantive equality of women and men.

- shall promote empowerment of women and pursue equal opportunities for women and men and ensure equal access to resources and to development results and outcome.

The MCW was approved in 2008.

EPIC Tool – Template #1

Policy Actions and Target Groups from the policy document and selecting the core concept, which can be more than one in each policy statement.

MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN (SECTIONS)	ID no.	POLICY ACTIONS REFLECTED IN:		TARGET GROUPS REFLECTED IN THE POLICY DOCUMENT	CC No.	Core Concepts
		The narrative part of the policy document	The planning logic/log-frame/M&E section of the policy document			
		(If a policy action appears both in the narrative as well as in the planning logic/log-frame/M&E section of the policy document, enter them side-by-side. Different policy actions should be entered by adding rows)		*(Enter the corresponding target groups from the narrative and planning logic/log-frame/M&E section. If a policy action has multiple target groups, enter on same row)*		*(Note: Each policy action can correspond to more than one core concept. Add rows as needed and drag down formula)*

EPIC Tool – Template #2

Identifying the corresponding national indicators from the policy document as well as the corresponding national indicators from any relevant national indicator set, including the Philippine SDGIs

MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN (SECTIONS)	Core Concepts		ID no.	POLICY ACTIONS REFLECTED IN THE POLICY DOCUMENT:		TARGET GROUPS REFLECTED IN THE POLICY DOCUMENT	CORRESPONDING NATIONAL INDICATORS	
	CC no.	Core concepts		The narrative part of the policy document	The planning logic/log frame/M&E section of the policy document		Identify corresponding national indicators from: (i) the policy document	Identify corresponding national indicators from: (ii) any other relevant national indicator set, including Philippine SDG indicators (*Add rows & do NOT enter side by side with content of column H unless the indicator is identical*)

EPIC Tool – Template #3

Core Concepts

Refers to a fundamental concept that is being addressed by one of the social, economic, environmental and institutional principles.

ID	Core Concept	CCs not reflected in the policy
1	Access	X
2	Accountable and transparent management	X
3	Capability based Services	X
4	Compensation	X
5	Cross-sectoral impacts	X
6	Cultural Responsiveness	X
7	Decent employment	
8	Ecosystem Impacts	X
9	Efficiency	X
10	Equal Opportunities	X
11	Exchange and Impact (International)	
12	Family/group Resource	X
13	Generational impacts	X
14	Human Resources	X
15	Incentives and Sanctions	
16	Income Distribution	X
17	Infrastructure	X
18	Innovation	X
19	Integration	X
20	Legal Infrastructure	
21	Participation	X
22	Partnership and Coordination of Services	X
23	People-nature harmony	X
24	Prevention	X
25	Production and Productivity	X
26	Protection from harm	X
27	Quality	X
28	Services and entitlements	X
29	Sustainable investment in infrastructure	X

EPIC Tool – Template #4

Mapping the policy statements/actions to the Regional/Global Indicator Sets

| ID no. | OUTCOMES FROM EPIC EXERCISE | | | | | MAPPING TO REGIONAL/GLOBAL INDICATOR SETS | |
| | POLICY ACTIONS REFLECTED IN: | | TARGET GROUPS REFLECTED IN THE POLICY DOCUMENT | CORRESPONDING NATIONAL INDICATORS (*From the policy document*) | CORRESPONDING NATIONAL INDICATORS (*From any other relevant national indicator set, including Philippine SDG indicators*) | Indicator code (*Map policy actions to regional/ global indicators*) | Regional Core Set of Gender Indicators/ SDGs Indicators |
	The narrative part of the policy document	The planning logic/log frame table/s of the policy document					

EPIC Tool – Template #5
Includes the Regional Core Set of Gender Indicators and 54 SDGs Indicators related to gender

Domains	Indicator code	Indicator	SDGs	Philippines SDG indicators <only indicators identical to the global SDGs are marked here. Other additonal indicators in the Philippines SDG indicator list are already captured under other relevant national indicator sets>
Poverty	1	I.1, I.1R Proportion of households living below the national poverty line, by sex of household head and by by sex for rural and urban residence		
	2	I.2, I.2R Share of working poor below the national poverty line, by sex and by sex for rural and urban residence		
	3	I.3, I.3R Proportion of the population below the minimum level of dietary energy consumption, by sex and by sex for rural and urban residence		
	4	1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural)	X	X
	5	1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age	X	X
	6	1.2.2 Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions	X	
	7	8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5–17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age	X	
	8	10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	X	X

Findings

A. Policy Actions Reflected:

- MCW reflected a total of 347 policy statements; of which 51 percent corresponded to one core concept while 47 percent corresponded to more than one core concept; thus, making the policy statements increased to 626

B. Target groups: all women in different sectors under different circumstances

C. Corresponding core concepts:

- Of the 29 core concepts, CC#4 – Compensation was not used in any of the policy statements.

Findings

- In the MCW, two sets of national indicators were determined for the different policy statements; these were mainstreaming indicators and women empowerment indicators

- Of the 626 policy statements, 96% (or 600) were identified to have corresponding national indicators from the MCW.

- Of the 600 policy statements with national indicators from MCW, 46 percent (275) were identified to have corresponding national indicators from other relevant indicator set, including Philippine SDG indicators

Findings

- Of the 275 policy statements with national indicator from any other relevant indicator set, including Philippine SDG indicators, 69 percent (or 191) have matched with REGIONAL/GLOBAL INDICATOR SETS.

- The consistency between the national indicators from any relevant set of indicators and the Regional/Global indicators in the 191 policy statements were checked; about 25 percent of these indicators (National and Regional/Global) were partially consistent.

- The reason for partial consistency of the two types of indicators: the national indicators were stated in a different way that could be interpreted that such indicators could be a portion of the regional/global indicators.

Preliminary lessons learned and value of the tool for women economic empowerment

- EPIC is an important tool that can be applied to integrate the gender policy with the existing data in the country so that there will be no data and policy waste, which will maximize the government resources; data waste - there may be a lot of data available but few were used in the policy monitoring and implementation; policy waste - monitoring is only in paper but the line agency in charge of it has no monitoring and implementation indicator to use.

- EPIC identifies the data gaps; there may be some policy statements in the policy document without corresponding indicator because there is no available data;

- EPIC is a good tool to use in preparing for the compendium of indicator sets for any policy document for women empowerment and for any other purposes;

Preliminary lessons learned and value of the tool for women economic empowerment

- Using EPIC means there is a need to collaborate with other agencies in the Statistical System; EPIC results can be used in preparing/revising the Statistical Work Plan that will be used in the latter part of the year or in the succeeding years;

- The EPIC tool is also useful means of revisiting any gender policy document that is already ageing.

- The EPIC is also a way of making inventory of the different indicators available in the data ecosystem, which might be missed out in any of the other indicators sets, including the country's SDGIs that can be used in the women empowerment;

- The Regional Core Set of Indicators are useful in EPIC mapping of the national indicators from any set of indicators including the Philippine SDGIs.

Thank you