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Recent initiatives on gender statistics in the ESCAP region: filling gender data gaps

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Initiatives of the Committee on Statistics (CST): integration of gender perspective

- Major regional initiatives: Population and social statistics (PSS); Economic statistics, Disaster-related statistics, CRVS
- Gender integration in PSS in Asia and the Pacific:
 - Core Set of PSS indicators (CST 3, 2012)
 - Regional Strategy to improve PSS (CST 4, 2015)
 - Implementation plan for Regional Strategy (CST 5, 2016)
 - Regional Steering Group (RSG) on PSS (Aug 2017)
 - Work plan to achieve three goals:
 - (1) Enabling environment to create/sustain data demand
 - (2) Improving data availability
 - (3) Improving data accessibility/use





ESCAP Gender Policy-Data Integration Initiative (GPDI): strengthen data and statistics for GEEW

Goal 1:

Enabling policy environment to create/ sustain demand (policy-data integration)

Goal 2:

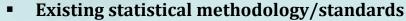
Availability and quality of disaggregated statistics (statistical production)

Goal 3:

Data accessibility, analysis, interpretation and use (accessibility and use)

Enhance Capacity of NSS

- Engagement of NSOs with policy counterparts
- Key GEEW statistical information/disaggregated data needs
- GEEW monitoring/indicator frameworks



Innovative approaches for disaggregated data

 Existing data for progress monitoring, analysis and policy advocacy





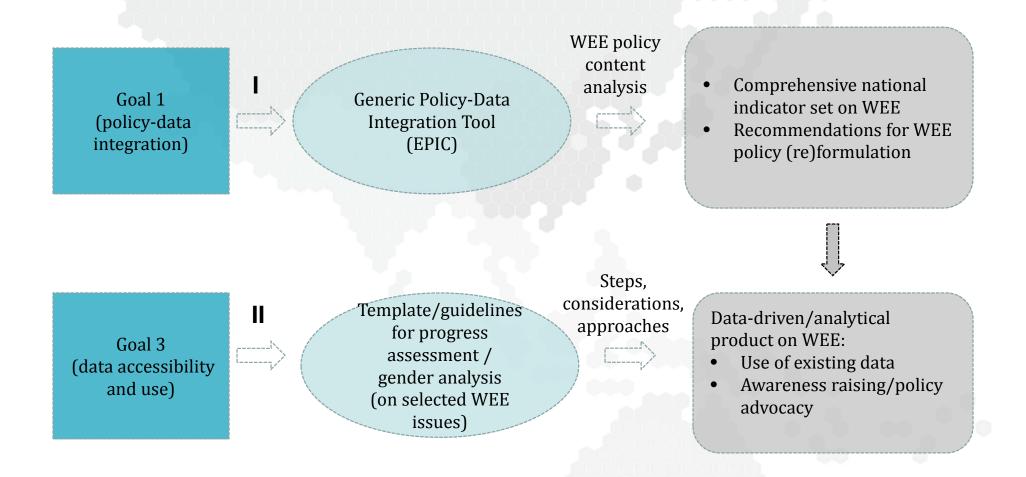
GPDI: Phase I

- Phase I (2018-2019): focus on Goal 1 and Goal 3
- Substantive focus: women's economic empowerment (WEE)
 - SDGs (1-5, 8, 10...)
 - CSW61; UNSG High-level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment;
 Country needs assessments (2010 2016)
 - Methodological development: Unpaid work, women's asset ownership, entrepreneurship, informal sector, VAW...
- Regional inception workshop, April 2018, Bangkok: Armenia, Philippines Sri Lanka and Thailand (members of RSG-PSS)
- National workshops:
 - National data users and producers
 - Philippines (Aug 2018, PSA, PCW, NEDA, other NGAs)
 - Armenia and Thailand (expected 2019), Sri Lanka (TBC)





GPDI Phase I: Tools and national outputs







GPDI Goal 1: Generic policy-data integration tool [EPIC- Every policy is connected]: Rationale

User-producer engagement to address vicious cycle of policy and data

Existing national development/ sector plans not specific enough about population groups & issues for target intervention

Lack of data;
Lack of demand for data;
Non-specific policies;
Lack of evidence

Insufficient comprehensive and

high quality statistics

Existing national development/ sector plans lack supporting national monitoring/ indicator frameworks specifying disaggregated data needs

Hampers political, institutional and financial support required to enhance data availability





EPIC steps: pathway to...

- (i) comprehensive national indicator set on WEE &
- (ii) re(formulation) of sector plans, NDP, NSDS..

Identify issues for action (IA) and target groups (TG)

- IA and TGs reflected in the national policy priorities
- IA and TGs not currently reflected in the policy priorities are identified

Map to core concepts

- Derived from Social, Economic, Environmental and Institutional principles embedded in international conventions
- Core concepts mapped against IA reflected in the national policy priorities

Map/align national, regional, global indicators related to WEE

- Map IA and characteristics of the TGs to national/regional/global indicators
- Align national indicators with regional/global indicators





EPIC: some key highlights

- 1. Integration across social, economic, environment & institutional (development) pillars
- 2. Intersecting forms of inequalities/discrimination & disaggregated data needs
- 3. Indicators responsive to policy needs + comprehensive "one-stop-shop" for WEE indicators
- 4. Systematic purpose driven user-producer engagement & "whole-of-government" approach for WEE
- 5. Policy/data gaps, waste, void





GPDI Goal 3

Progress Assessment

Conceptualization & Application

Operational Planning

Stock-take priority WEE issues

- Issues for report & Why?
- Linking to goals/ pre-existing targets; new targets
- Relevant indicators & disaggregation
- Data sources
- Methods to track progress

Results of EPIC

Objectives & motivation

Target audience, users and uses

Stakeholders to be

- consulted/involved
- Timeline
- Modality for consultation/coordination/ drafting of report
- Solutions for data and institutional challenges

Gender-based Analysis

Further inquiry based on rate of (or lack of) progress

Conceptual framework: drivers/influencing factors

- Hypothesis & research questions
- **Explanatory variables**
- Statistical analysis methods
- Visualization (charts and tables)



Conclusions & policy recommendations



GPDI Goal 3: Time-use data analysis manual

- Compilation of a set of papers by academicians/researchers
- Demonstrate application/ potential of TUS data for GEEW policy analysis and guide use of such data for related SDG monitoring and analysis
- Self-training of individuals with appropriate background & guide design of related training workshops
- > Two parts:
 - I. Methods and techniques for collecting, storing, processing and analyzing time-use data (e.g. modalities of data collection, handling simultaneous activities, episode occurrences and sequencing etc.)
 - II. Time-use data applications addressing key policy issues and development concerns, with country examples and hand-on exercises using data from national surveys (e.g. using TUS data to analyse informal employment / unpaid work/ LFP; household division of labor and time allocation; time poverty; impacts of public investments in basic infrastructure on time-use etc.)
- Existing data from TUS: Australia, China, India, Mongolia, Turkey, USA



Resources:

GPDI:

https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/ESCAP.CST .201 8.INF .2 Transformation gender data.pdf

https://www.unescap.org/blog/progressing-womeneconomic-empowerment

EPIC:

https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/ESCAP.CST .201 8.CRP .1 EPIC a generic tool for policy-data integration.pdf



