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This issue of GNN highlights the following ADB projects with significant gender equity results:

- **Bangladesh: The Second Participatory Livestock Development Project (BAN: Loan 2070)**  
Over 70% of women in rural Bangladesh invest a large part of their time, labor and expertise in livestock production. This Project assisted women from poor households in livestock management. Project resulted in family food security, improved skills and confidence of women in managing incomes and change in gender relations among others.

See [case study](#) [ PDF: 360kb | 11 pages ]

- **Cambodia: Tonle Sap Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (CAM: Grant 0018)**  
The Project's gender-inclusive designs are resulting in improved women's leadership skills and increased participation of women in identification, construction, operation and maintenance of water supply and sanitation schemes.

See [case study](#) [ PDF: 287kb | 7 pages ]

- **Cambodia: Northwest Rural Development Project (CAM: Loan 1862)**  
After nearly three decades of armed conflict, northwestern Cambodia has become one of the poorest areas in the country. The Project supported Government's efforts to reduce poverty in the region with emphasis on direct participation of village women.

See [case study](#) [ PDF: 164kb | 6 pages ]

- **Nepal: Community Based Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Project (NEP: Loan 2008)**  
The project experience showcases how a Gender and Ethnic Development Plan can be used as a tool to enhance the active participation and access to project benefits of women and men in disadvantaged castes and ethnic minorities.

See [case study](#) [ PDF: 483kb | 6 pages ]

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## ADB EVENTS

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### Seminar on Son La Livelihood Project for Resettled Ethnic Minority Communities in Viet Nam

4 June 2009, ADB HQ, Manila

Ms. Monawar Sultana, Senior Social Development Specialist of Energy and Water Division of the Southeast Asia Regional Department, discussed key success factors and gender dimensions of the project.

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### Seminar on Informal Sector Employment and Gender Dimensions – Bangladesh and Indonesia

28 April 2009, ADB Headquarters, Manila

Ms. Dax Maligalig of the Development Indicators and Policy Research Division, Economics and Policy Research Division, Economics Research Department presented a methodology for analyzing informal sector employment from labor force surveys of Bangladesh and Indonesia and findings on gender dimensions.

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## EXTERNAL EVENTS

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### Development Assistance Committee Network on Gender Equality: 7<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting

10-12 June 2009, OECD Conference Centre, Paris, France

The Development Assistance Committee's Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET) is the only international forum which brings together gender equality experts from bilateral and multilateral development agencies to define common approaches, share good practice, innovative ideas and state-of-the-art research on gender related topics. The 7<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting of GENDERNET was held in Paris from June 10 to 12, 2009. The event provided updates on the Development Assistance Committee and featured a presentation on gender equality indicators (Justina Demetriades, BRIDGE). Workshops were also conducted on the impact of the financial and food crises on women, and aid effectiveness on achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. The GENDERNET's 2009-2010 work program was also presented and discussed in the annual meeting.

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## NEWS

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[Recession Hits Women in Developing Countries\\*](#), The Star, 8 March 2009

[Environment – India: Women farmers ready to beat climate change\\*](#), Inter Press Service, 30 March 2009

[Partnering Against Trafficking](#), Washington Post, 17 June 2009

[Moving Beyond Gender as Usual](#), Center for Global Development, 29 June 2009

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## GENDER SPECIALISTS' CORNER

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### **ADB Welcomes Three New Gender Specialists**

#### ***Asila Wardak Jamal, Afghanistan Resident Mission (AFRM)***

Ms. Asila Wardak joined ADB in March 2009. Prior to ADB, she worked as a Social Development Specialist for the World Bank and was engaged in short term consultancies with UN Organizations, International NGOs and York University on issues such as gender, transitional justice, community mobilization and project supervision.

Asila brings her dedication and commitment to human rights and women rights issues and civil society empowerment to ADB as she works with AFRM in providing assistance to country partnership strategy and programming, project processing and project implementation, and providing capacity building programs to AFRM staff as well as government counterpart.



#### ***Velepat Tuaru, Papua New Guinea Resident Mission (PNRM)***

Ms. Velepat's background is on education, teaching in both secondary and tertiary institutions for almost 20 years. She specializes on teacher education, gender education, and sociology. She has 6 years experience as a gender and social development consultant for various donor agencies before joining ADB in January 2009.

Part of Velepat's work in PNRM involves networking with government and development partners and stakeholders in strengthening the government gender desks and focal points to ensure gender polices are implemented and sustained. Velepat also provides PNRM with assistance on updating the country gender assessment, ensuring gender inputs are incorporated in country portfolio report, project processing and project administration, and conducting gender awareness and capacity building programs.



#### ***Toptosseda Uk, Cambodia Resident Mission (CARM)***

Ms. Toptosseda UK obtained a Master Degree in Social Science, Gender and Development from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, in 2004. Before joining ADB in July 2009 she was a research associate at the Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI) and a Project Manager for a local NGO receiving funding support from Charities Aid Foundation (CAF-Australia). She also worked as a gender specialist in many short term consultancies with various agencies such as ADB, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC).

Seda's prime responsibility in CARM is to provide assistance in administering the GAD aspect of ADB-assisted loans and technical assistances (TAs), and in country partnership strategy and gender capacity development, project processing and project implementation, and gender focal point activities.



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## ADB PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS

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### [Institutionalizing Gender Equality: The Experience of the Bangladesh Resident Mission](#), September 2009

ADB has helped advance gender equality and development over the past 10 years across Asia and the Pacific. It is increasingly recognized that involving gender specialists to the selected resident missions (including Bangladesh) results in more projects tackling gender issues and strengthens the capacity of executing agency staff to bridge gender disparities.

The report shows how gender has been integrated successfully into some aspects of Bangladesh policies, strategies, and programming. It also shows what challenges remain. The report aims to identify the success factors that ADB might replicate or strengthen elsewhere.

### [Project Gender Action Plan: Lessons for Achieving Gender Equality and Poverty Reduction Results](#), May 2009

This briefing note summarizes evidence on effective approaches used by the Asian Development Bank for achieving benefits for women and progress towards gender equality. It features the effectiveness of gender action plans in achieving practical benefits and strategic changes in gender relations; reducing vulnerability to poverty; and enhancing sustainability of benefits. It also provides guidelines for incorporating gender in reports and recommendations of the President (RRPs).

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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### [Trafficking in Persons Report 2008](#)

The ninth annual trafficking in persons report of the United States' Department of State underscores the need to address the root causes of human trafficking including poverty, lax law enforcement and the exploitation of women and their devastating effects on its victims and their families.

### [Groundbreakers: Using the Strength of Women to Rebuild the World Economy](#), 2009

This paper published by Ernst & Young presents research on significant and proven contributions of women to business and economic growth and argues in favor of building more inclusive societies and more diverse leadership.

### [Asia in the Global Economic Crisis: Impacts and Responses from a Gender Perspective](#), 2009

This ILO paper was presented at the Manila Conference on Responding to the Economic Crisis- Coherent Policies for Growth, Employment and Decent Work in Asia and Pacific held February 2009. The paper features gender dimensions of the current global economic crisis.

### [The Little Data Book on Gender](#), 2009

This World Bank Publication presents gender-disaggregated data for more than 200 countries in a country-by-country reference on demography, education, health, labor force, political participation and the Millennium Development Goals.

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## FEEDBACK

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