



Regional: Economic Analysis for Gender and Development

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Country	Regional	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Economic affairs management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Description	<p>Gender-related research for purposes of development planning is generally implemented at two levels. Microeconomic approaches focus on the behavior of the household and examine the roles of household members, the decision processes within the household, the allocation of resources, the outcomes at the micro level, and their implications on the efficiency and effectiveness of interventions. Macro-level approaches, on the other hand, examine the impact of gender at an aggregated level, often examining development impacts within a broader context, and in relation to other factors that contribute to economic development. Secondary data available in the selected country will be used for the analysis. A number of gender issues may be relevant across all countries irrespective of region or economic development stage, while some gender issues may be relevant only for a specific group of countries. Women in developing regions tend to have less job security than those in developed regions. In addition, gender issues faced by women in East Asia may not be similar to those faced by women in South Asia. Hence, the TA will look for similarities and differences in gender issues and economic development for selected countries. The country-specific issues relevant to those selected countries will be drawn from existing country gender assessments, and further examined during the TA.</p> <p>The main scope of the TA is to (i) quantify the economic cost to society due to gender inequality using both macro- and micro-level analyses; and (ii) discuss gender issues and economic development that are common across countries, as well as those that are specific to a country, a subregion, a region. Five countries (in consultation with the Gender CoP members): the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, and Pakistan were selected for the country analysis according to the size and development stage of the economy and availability of relevant data.</p>	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

Gender inequality and economic development are closely related. Empirical studies have shown that gender inequality often links to uneven development outcomes, and that addressing gender-related issues can have a significant effect on the efficiency and welfare aspects of policy interventions. The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family of the Republic of Korea has requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to provide support for quantifying the cost of gender inequality in terms of foregone output growth, and to assist them in learning from gender policy initiatives in other countries in the region to further improve their own gender policy and strategies. ADB has prepared the technical assistance (TA) in close consultation with the Government of Korea and the ADB Gender Equity Community of Practice (including ADB members, gender specialists in regional departments, and resident missions). The proposed TA will support analysis of (i) the macro-level aggregated impact of gender inequality on economic growth, examining issues such as female labor market participation, wage differences, and economic growth; and (ii) micro-level (household) gender issues, such as access to education, labor participation, and types of jobs, that tend to reflect the resource allocation and bargaining power of females within households.

Recent research suggests that economic growth can positively impact gender equity by reducing poverty and increasing opportunity. Gender inequality is often greater among the poor, both within and across countries. For example, while the gender gap in primary and secondary gross enrollment rates decreased rapidly worldwide during 1991- 2009, it remains greater in poor countries than in middle income and rich countries, with gaps between boys and girls persisting in poorer countries.

There is evidence that high female labor force participation contributes substantially to economic growth. Using a growth accounting approach, research has found that the rise in female labor force participation in the four East Asian tiger economies accounted for 0.6% 1.6% of annual per capita growth in these economies, giving rise to a controversy on the relative role of productivity and factor inputs as explanations for economic growth.

There is extensive literature on gender inequality and economic development at both the macro level (including cross-country analyses) and micro level (e.g., analyses using household data). Nevertheless, research is needed that combines the extensive information available in micro-level data (for example, national census data) with a macro-level model (e.g., a growth model) to help understand the contribution made by various factors associated with gender inequality to economic performance in country economies. An in-depth country analysis is needed that focuses on the impacts of gender inequality on opportunity cost, resource allocation, and decision making on factors such as employment and education.

Impact Improved economic analysis of gender inequality issues and related opportunity cost in selected DMCS for gender policies and strategies.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome Economic analysis methodologies for the study of gender inequality issues and related opportunity costs enhanced in selected DMCS

Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

1. Gender inequality measured and analyzed.
2. Analysis of opportunity or forgone costs of gender inequality and priority gender issues.
3. Sharing knowledge on economic analysis for gender development.

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	08 Nov 2013
Fact Finding	11 Nov 2013 to 04 Dec 2013
MRM	-
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Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	24 Feb 2014

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
14 Feb 2014	-	14 Feb 2014	31 Dec 2015	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	14 Feb 2014	363,704.00

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