


Presentation on ADB Activities on Gender

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about ADB

- 67 member countries
- Loans/Grants
- By 2012, 80% of ADB lending will be in five core operational areas, identified as comparative strengths of ADB:
 - ✓ Infrastructure, including transport and communications, energy, water supply and sanitation and urban development
 - ✓ Environment
 - ✓ Regional cooperation and integration
 - ✓ Finance sector development
 - ✓ Education
- ADB also operates in health, agriculture, and disaster and emergency assistance, but on a more selective basis.


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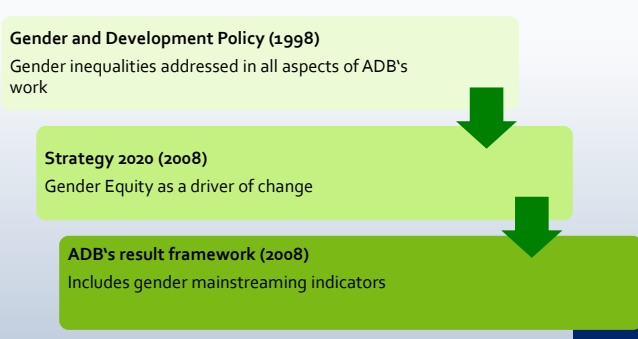
Why ADB and Gender

- Member countries have made independent legal policy commitments
- Strategy 2020 highlights gender equity as "one of drivers of change"
- It improves efficiency and effectiveness
- Persistent gender inequality in Asia
- Poverty reduction through inclusive growth cannot be achieved without addressing gender disparities and without investing in women

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ADB and Gender- What does ADB do?




Gender and Development Policy (1998)
Gender inequalities addressed in all aspects of ADB's work

Strategy 2020 (2008)
Gender Equity as a driver of change

ADB's result framework (2008)
Includes gender mainstreaming indicators

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Significant GM Categories - How do we classify our projects?

- Project outcome directly addresses gender equality by narrowing down gender disparities
- Project outcome is likely to deliver tangible benefits for women by improving access to social services, economic and financial resources and opportunities

Requirements:

- ☑ Gender analyses conducted during project preparation
- ☑ Gender Action Plan prepared
- ☑ Main text of RRP discusses gender benefits from this project (under Poverty and Social Due Diligence Section)
- ☑ Covenant or condition included
- ☑ Budget allocated

Examples- How do we apply this to our projects?

CWEN	CWTC	CWUS	CWFM
Participation of women in project preparation Incorporation of gender-sensitive features in physical infrastructure Incorporation of identified needs of men and women Gender mainstream policy dialogue Monitor project benefits for women			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to electricity to end users thru grid extension ○ Promoting renewable energy entrepreneurs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Design of feeder roads ○ Create public facilities for women ○ Provide access to markets ○ Create employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop urban services which address needs of men and women ○ Lighting, separate travel compartment ○ Water user groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Design S&M microfinance components for women ○ Support female entrepreneurship and leadership ○ Target demand side in health reforms

How do we avoid slowing down the processing process ?

- Consult Gender and Development (GAD) Specialist at project preparation stage
- Include GAD Specialist in fact finding mission
- 'Outsource' gender related write ups (IPSA, SPRSS, RRP, PAM, GAD) to GAD Specialist



Significant Gender Mainstreaming in 2010

- Sustainable Urban Transport Investment Program (RRP GEO 42414-01)

Impact- Improved urban environment, local economy and better living conditions in urban areas.

Gender Action Plan :

- facilitate women's participation in the project
- sex-disaggregated data collection
- gender perspectives in infrastructure policy, planning, design, and construction
- women in decision-making
- development of gender mainstreaming strategies for improvement of urban transport services.

Technical Assistance – Promoting Gender Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia Countries

Purpose

Make progress in gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment in Central and Western Asia countries

Activities:

1. Enhance gender statistics in Armenia – Assessment, capacity building-plan, development of policy framework for sex-disaggregated data collection to ensure sustainability;

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2. Gender mainstreaming in projects/loans - Find innovative entry points in country portfolio and develop strategies for gender mainstreaming and analysis on various levels; capacity building of Resident Mission staff and staff of the Implementing agencies;
3. Develop pilot projects which support women empowerment in various areas: entrepreneurship, income-generation, research and awareness raising, etc.

Promoting Gender Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia

4. Country Gender Assessment 2011-2012 - participatory gender assessment focusing on gender differences, activities, needs and opportunities for women and men in the country context;
5. Reinforce partnership and cooperation with local women's groups, development partners and government; Facilitate cooperation with donors/NGOs/government to promote knowledge sharing and synergy effect – to result in more consistent dialogue on gender strategies, policies and practices

Thank you!

