

Gender Responsive Budgeting in Lao PDR

Background

In 2017, NCAW has restructure by combining NCAW and the National Commission for Mother and Child (NCMC) into one Commission as National Commission for the Advancement of Women and Mother-Child (NCAWMC).

The role and function are:

To assist the government to promote the advancement of women, gender equality , protect women and child rights and strengthened women's capacity;
To serve as the focal point for monitoring and implementing the policy on gender equality and child rights as well as CEDAW, CRC, BPFA, SDGs....

The link between planning and budget allocating



The main achievement on GRB in Laos

- ❖ The first workshop on gender budgeting was organized in 2016 by National Commission for the Advancement of Women (NCAW) in collaboration and support by ESCAP.
- ❖ To introduce the concept of gender budgeting and sharing good practice from various ministries, development partners and others countries in the region.
- ❖ Initial step of Lao PDR to make a commitment on collection and allocation of public resources to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment

The main achievement on GRB in Laos (con't)

- ❖ NCAWMC formulate the Vision 2030, National Strategies (2016-2025) and Plans of Action on Gender Equality 2016-2020
- ❖ The new revised state budget Law was approved by National Assembly in December 2015 which including gender responsiveness budgeting.

The Key challenges and Gaps

- ❖ Limited of funding to advocate on mainstreaming gender perspective into sectors
- ❖ Lack of human resources who has responsible for taking the role of advocacy on gender
- ❖ Lack of tools or guidance to mainstream gender, gender statistic and gender analysis
- ❖ Don't have the monitoring and evaluation system to check the progress or gaps of implementing the action plan on gender equality.

Way forwards

- ❖ NCAWMC will pay more attention of on expanding gender issues into planning processes in NCAWMC network to ensure women and girls will be gain actual benefits.
- ❖ In collaborated between NCAWMC and MoF to orientation for line Ministries and Local Authorities to understand the process of planning allocating budget as well as gender budgeting.
- ❖ Produce the decree or guideline for implementing state budget Law which include the gender responsiveness budgeting
- ❖ Produce M&E Framework to monitor and evaluate the gender equality action plan.
- ❖ Share and gain more experiences from other countries and development partners about GRB as well as gender issues

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