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Socioeconomic Issue on Spotlight GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Gender issues are a major development concern that constrains human development in all facets of the society. Although the Philippines is one of the first countries in Asia that allowed its women to participate in elections and to assume government positions (ADB 2013), the country still has a lot to confront in terms of bridging the gender gap.

While gender issues do not center on women alone, the increasing involvement of women in politics, business, and academe is one clear indication that opportunities are starting to become unbiased in terms of gender. However, this increase is not enough. For instance, based on the 2015 data of the [Philippine Statistics Authority](#), there is only one woman for every four men elected in government service (i.e., 3,360 women compared to 13,407 men).

Furthermore, in 2014, the share of women in wage employment in the non-agriculture sector is only 41.1 percent—a bit higher than the 1990 baseline (40.1%) but comparatively lower than the 2015 target of

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SERP-P team participates in an open knowledge event at IDS

Two representatives of the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P), together with 24 other participants from regional and international knowledge organizations, partook in the partnership meeting of the Global Open Knowledge Hub (GOKH)—an open knowledge initiative of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS)—on October 21–23, in Brighton, United Kingdom. The event, which centered on the theme “Engaging in Open Knowledge through Partnerships”, brought together delegates from Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd SPUP International Research Conference

Theme: Toward an Integrated ASEAN Community
14–16 January 2016

Legislative Information System (LEGIS)

House of Representatives
LEGIS is a browser-based system that allows a user connected to the Internet to access, retrieve, print, or save structured bills information and status as well as download full texts of bills, republic acts, House Journals, House publications, and other published legislative materials and documents.

10th Regional Congress: Search for SEAMEO Science Young Scientists

Youth Innovation for Sustainability
7–11 March 2016
Penang, Malaysia

Call for Papers
2016 BSP International Research Conference



Representatives of the partner-organizations of the GOKH project listen as Alan Stanley, senior thematic convener at IDS, talks about the use of content and the current demand in open access. Photo by MVPAranas

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To kick off the three-day seminar-workshop, Kelly Shephard, head of the Open Knowledge and Digital Services of IDS, stressed the importance of evidence-based research and the will and capacity to share evidence and knowledge. In this line, Shephard said the gathering aimed to (1) share experiences and understandings in response to specific learning needs, particularly in open knowledge and licensing; (2) plan and develop thoughts and actions to take the GOKH program forward; and (3) build mutual understanding and develop future pathways between and among GOKH members and funding partners.

In addition, the seminar-workshop was designed to reflect on the challenges and opportunities in adopting open knowledge approaches in other regions and sector-specific organizations.

Aside from open knowledge landscape and content licensing, the participants of the event were also immersed to the complexities of multilingual work, importance of building knowledge consortia and sharing stories of change, initiatives and advances in the Global Library for Development Studies, and the costs and barriers of adopting open knowledge.

A peer-assisted learning activity was also employed to determine the common challenges faced by

some GOKH partners and explore the solutions that other partners may offer.

Open knowledge agenda

According to Melissa Leach, director of the IDS, inequalities start with knowledge—who gets it and who does not. This echoed the increasing demand for open knowledge adoption. However, Shephard said that the institutions that adopt open knowledge approaches are mostly from the North. She furthered that this scenario has created a divide between the haves and the have nots.

As a response, the IDS committed itself to an “open knowledge agenda that harness digital innovation to connect evidence to real change”.

Open knowledge, hence, becomes one of the priority agenda in the Institute’s strategic plan for 2015–2020.

“Inequalities start with knowledge—who gets it and who does not.”

MELISSA LEACH
IDS Director

Open knowledge, according to the IDS, encompasses related terms such as “open access”, “open content”, and “open data”. In particular, it defines the sharing of research knowledge in digital, online format (i.e., how the content can be reused, revised, remixed, and redistributed). As one of the leading advocates of open knowledge, the IDS created the Open Knowledge Hub (OKHub)—the online platform of the GOKH project—that focuses

on sharing information and knowledge that are digital, online, and free of charge and most reuse restrictions.

Linking SERP-P and GOKH

As one of the original members of the GOKH program, the SERP-P team played an important role in the conception phase of the OKHub during the partners' inception meeting almost two years ago. Sheila Siar, project manager of SERP-P and director for research information of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), and Ronald Yacat, then technical consultant of SERP-P, participated in the January 2014 meeting, which was also attended by representatives from other GOKH partner-organizations. Since its conception, the SERP-P has continued to contribute PIDS materials to the OKHub.

On this year's gathering, meanwhile, the SERP-P has strengthened its contributions by participating in designing the future pathways for the GOKH project. The team also highlighted the effect of the GOKH project on the SERP-P, which includes: (1) wider reach for PIDS publications, (2) stronger linkage with other organizations that are into knowledge networking, (3) and increased motivation and reputation among the knowledge community.

Likewise, Peter Mason, web applications developer at IDS, said that aside from a wider reach and better discoverability, the GOKH project also offers the IDS branding.

The SERP-P was represented by Jane Alcantara and Mark Vincent Aranas, PIDS information officer for publications and project coordinator of SERP-P, respectively. The event was attended by the following institutions and organizations: University of Zimbabwe, Soul Beat Africa, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Observ'ation, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Sula Batsu, Soluciones Prácticas, Evidence and Lessons from Latin America, Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa, Electronic Information for Libraries, Land Portal, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, UK Department for International Development, and Korean Development Institute. ■

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50 percent (PSA 2015). This indicator shows that the fight for gender equality, particularly in the labor force, has only just begun.

Gender equality (i.e., women having the same rights as men) in labor and education is only one issue central to gender and development. Gender issues also include, among others, addressing various conflict and post-conflict situations (Margallo 2005); exposing sexual and physical violence among men and women (PSA 2015); understanding the participation of women in the society, such as in community-based budgeting schemes (Budlender et al. 2006); scrutinizing gender and disability (Tabuga and Mina 2011); and exploring government initiatives

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*Revisiting macro-financial linkages:
Looking back and looking ahead*
Manila, Philippines
20–21 September 2016

Interested contributors should submit a draft paper or a two-page proposal/extended abstract, together with their curriculum vitae, to the Technical Committee (secretariat.mpss@bsp.gov.ph) on or before **04 April 2016**. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **06 May 2016**. Papers to be presented should be submitted not later than **22 August 2016**.

Graduate Scholarship for Southeast Asians

The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) invites applications for its graduate scholarship (MS and PhD) in agriculture and related fields for Academic Year 2017–2018.

Deadline of Application:
30 September 2016

Inquiries can be directed to:
Graduate Education and Institutional Development Department
College, Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines
Telefax: +63-49 536 7164
Email: gsd@searca.org

For other scholarship opportunities at SEARCA, click [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Vacancies at the Philippine Institute for Development Studies

Division Chief II (Public Affairs)
Division Chief III (Publications and Circulations)
Information Officer II (Publications and Circulations)
Research Analyst II (Research Department)

Deadline of application:
24 January 2016
Contact Ms. Gil Remorin at
gremorin@mail.pids.gov.ph

Research Associate
Ateneo School of Government
Please submit the required documents via e-mail to hr.asog@gmail.com, with "Applicant- Research Associate" as subject.

Career opportunities at **NEDA**
Career opportunities at **SEARCA**
Career opportunities at **ASoG**
Career opportunities at **UP NCPAG**

toward gender and development, particularly in public spending in education (Manasan and Villanueva 2005).

Research on gender and development provides a pathway to address many gender-related issues. As this field of study appears to become more interesting for researchers in recent years, relevant recommendations arise, such as the ratification and implementation of international labor standards and national legislations (Edralin 2002), development of an “overarching agriculture strategy for women” (ADB 2013, p. 57), and participation of women on peace panels and/or for them to have a seat at the negotiations table (Margallo 2005).

The SERP-P has a wide collection of studies that relate to gender and development. Some of these studies tackle local issues in the workforce and the perennial disparity in the status of men and women in education, in the government, and in health-related concerns. There are also studies that look at gender issues at the regional level. ■

LATEST SERP-P RESOURCES

- Inadequate N Application of Rice Farmers in the Philippines: Problems, Causes, Solutions
- The Philippine Review of Economics
- PhilHealth Coverage in the Informal Sector: Identifying Determinants of Enrollment
- PhilHealth’s Employed Program: Strengthening a Mandatory Scheme
- PIDS, NEDA, 3ie Bolster Campaign to Create a Culture of Evaluation
- Enhancing and Maximizing Participation of Private Health Facilities in TB Control
- Why Inequality Matters in Poverty Reduction and Why the Middle Class Needs Policy Attention
- A Critical Analysis of Purchasing of Health Services in the Philippines: A Case Study of PhilHealth
- Improving the Readiness of A&F Industries to the ASEAN Integration
- Mutual Recognition Arrangements: Smoothing the Path for “Freer” Flow of Professional Workers in the ASEAN
- Technical Assessment of Communal Irrigation Systems in Luzon
- An Exegesis of Mediocrity: Institutions and Inclusion in the Philippines
- Assessment of the DSWD SEA-K Strategy
- Agriculture and Fisheries Financing Program (AFFP): Why a Second Look at Its Implementing Guidelines Is a Must
- Agricultural Credit and Policy Council (ACPC): Performing More than it Should

SERP-P Resources on Gender and Development

- Gender Equality in the Labor Market in the Philippines
- Statistics on Women and Men in the Philippines
- Addressing Gender in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations in the Philippines
- Disability and Gender: The Case of the Philippines
- Gender-Responsive Budgeting through the CBMS Lens
- Gender Differentiated Benefit Incidence of the Department of Education: Basic Education for All?
- Looking Closely on Who Benefits from Public Subsidies in Health Care: a Gender Perspective
- Claiming Our Future: Women and Higher Education
- Towards a Holistic Gender-Balanced Understanding of Developmental Concerns in the Philippines: A State of the Art Review of Women’s Health Studies and Action Projects with Male Participation
- A Review of Research on Population-Related Issues: 1980-2002
- Gender Dimension in APEC
- Assessing the Situation of Women Working in CALABARZON
- Gender and Technology
- Education for All: Addressing Problems in Primary Schooling

For more gender-related studies, simply type ‘gender’ or ‘gender and development’ in the Search box of the SERP-P website.

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