

ASEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON SHARING OF GOOD PRACTICES IN SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR WOMEN IN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City, Philippines

Workshop Mechanics

Recommendations to make the *ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection Plan of Action* responsive to the social protection needs of poor women in vulnerable employment.

Workshop objective: To come up with policy and program recommendations to address the social protection needs of women entrepreneurs.

The workshop recommendations will form part of the Conference Statement that will be submitted for consideration of the ASEAN Inter -sectoral Consultation on the Development of a Plan of Action for the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection.

Mechanics:

1. Workshop time is from 10:15-12:00; presentation of workshop output in the afternoon will be 15 minutes per group.
2. The group will be divided into 2:

Group 1	Group 2
Cambodia	Philippines
Laos	Indonesia
Malaysia	Thailand
Singapore	Myanmar
Vietnam	Brunei
Other Philippine delegates and observers	Other Philippine delegates and observers

3. Each group will be assigned a facilitator and documenter.
 - a) The workshop will consider the sharing of country experiences and the discussions during the sessions in responding to the relevant provisions of the ASEAN Declaration. The group will propose policy and program recommendations to address the social protection concerns of women entrepreneurs relevant to the assigned provisions. Recommendations may be for national level or where relevant or applicable, ASEAN level.
 - b) A template to summarize group recommendations will be provided. One member of the group will be requested to present their recommendations in plenary. Each group will be given 15 minutes to present its output in plenary.
 - c) Each workshop group will focus on 3 provisions of the Declaration.

GROUP 1: Discussion will focus on Article # 12, # 15 and # 16

12. Advocate strategies that promote the coverage, availability, comprehensiveness, quality, equitability, affordability and sustainability of various social protection services, including the expansion of social insurance to the informal sector; strengthening social assistance programmes for persons with disabilities, elderly, children and other vulnerable groups; greater access to social protection programmes and services, including vocational trainings as part of active labour market interventions and human resource development;

- 1) *What social protection programs and services are responsive to the needs of women in MSMEs?*
- 2) *How are gender equality measures mainstreamed in these programs and services?*
- 3) *Suggest on how programs and services for women entrepreneurs can be gender-responsive (gender sensitive at the very least) and culturally rooted.*

15. Allocate adequate financial resources for social protection in line with national targets and subject to the capacity of each Government;

- 1) *How much budget is allocated to support programs and services for women entrepreneurs?*
- 2) *Suggest government measures to ensure sustainability of programs and services for women entrepreneurs?*

16. Strengthen the capacity of government officials, communities, service providers, and other stakeholders for better responsiveness, coordination and effectiveness of social protection and delivery services at regional, national and local levels;

- 1) *What institutional arrangements are made to ensure effective coordination and complementation of program implementation for women entrepreneurs?*
- 2) *What are the gaps and challenges of such arrangements?*
- 3) *Suggest mechanisms or measures that will ensure coherent policy and program implementation from the region down to the local levels.*
- 4) *Recommend capacity building programs to increase the gender awareness of duty bearers, claim holders and other stakeholders to ensure gender-responsiveness programs for women entrepreneurs.*