

Abstract

Ways of Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation for North Korean Women's Economic Empowerment (II)

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Research Purpose and Necessity

The purpose of this research is to prepare ways to lay the basis for implementing the inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects to promote economic empowerment of North Korean women by conducting a gender analysis of the basis of implementing the

existing inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects and the experience of already-implemented inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects.

Research Contents

- Analyzed the basis of implementing the inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects from a gender perspective to develop ways to improve, focusing on legal and institutional bases, human basis, and external environment.
- Collected and analyzed data on inter-Korean exchange and cooperation experiences to identify the contexts that failed to address women or gender equality agendas in the exchange and cooperation projects and to examine necessary conditions for implementing the projects for economic empowerment of North Korean women in the future.
- Surveyed and analyzed women entrepreneurs' intentions to participate in exchange and cooperation as well as conditions for encouraging their participation in exchange and cooperation because their participation in economic cooperation is necessary for creating an environment to implement the projects for economic empowerment of North Korean women.
- Analyzed the legal and institutional bases of overseas countries which have an experience of implementing North Korean projects for international cooperation as well as the basis of implementing gender-focused development and cooperation projects to explore the possibilities of applying to the inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects.
- Prepared ways to lay the foundation for implementing the exchange and cooperation projects to promote economic empowerment of North Korean women.

Main Findings

- Form a Consensus between South and North Korea on Implementing Gender Equality Agendas
 - Hold a dialogue between the South and North Korean authorities
 - Prepare a (written) inter-Korean agreement on implementing gender equality agendas
 - Implement a pilot project to resolve the gaps in gender equality awareness

- Improve Laws and Institutions Related to Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation
 - Improve laws to promote the exchange and cooperation between South and North Korean Women
 - Implement inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects using the Gender Equality Policy Marker

- Prepare Implementation Systems
 - Prepare an agency for implementing inter-Korean women's exchange and cooperation
 - Prepare a system for gender-mainstreaming of inter-Korean exchange and cooperation
 - Establish a global cooperation system

Strengthen the Human Basis

- Expand education for women in relation to inter-Korean exchange and cooperation
- Enhance gender awareness of participants in inter-Korean exchange and cooperation
- Develop professional female human resources

Research areas: Peaceful Unification, Representative, Gender Equality Awareness

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