
Strengthening Gender Equality Policy Infrastructure in the
Asia–Pacific Region (VI):Policy Consulting based on
Korea’s Development in Women’s Policies

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KWDI has been conducting a multi-year ODA research project since 2011 with an objective of establishing political and social infrastructure for gender equality policy in the Asia-Pacific region. During the year 2011 ? 2012, KWDI partnered with Cambodia and Indonesia and carried out various programs including baseline surveys, policy dialogues and capacity building training. From 2013, KWDI expanded the project to include Myanmar and Vietnam as additional partners. Now KWDI is working with these four countries, sharing each other’s experiences and deepening mutual learning.

This project report is an overview of our research and activities for 2016. Chapter 1 introduces the backgrounds, objectives, contents and methodology of

this multi-year research project. Chapter 2 introduces the main program of this project, the 2016 Set and Share the Agenda for Gender Equality Workshop (SSAGE). It explains not only the program details but also summarizes the contents and comments from the lectures and field trips. It further details the project proposals developed by each country and finds implications for South Korea's future ODA agenda. This year, a total of 23 gender policy makers and experts from four partner countries participated in this event.

Chapter 3 introduces another main pillar of this program, which is the joint research projects with research organizations from our partner countries and with an international organization. This year, KWDI cooperated with major research institutions from Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar and Vietnam on various issues such as women's political participation, economic empowerment, regional economic integration, and rural women. KWDI also collaborated with UN Women Asia Pacific for a baseline research on SDGs and gender.

Chapter 4 introduces three independent research which was conducted to share best practices of South Korea's women's policies. Chapter 5 sums up the Gender ODA Forum, which has been held four times in 2016 with an aim of learning and updating on various issues related with gender and ODA issues around the world. Chapter 6, the final chapter examines the evolution of the past six years' of this ODA research project, reviews its results and implications and discusses future directions.