



# GENDER & DEVELOPMENT

## Getting the Balance Right

### Engaging NGOs for SARD Energy Sector Projects 9<sup>th</sup> ADB Business Opportunities Fair 2018

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# NGOs involvement in Energy Sector

- *Energy Sector in South Asia* provides opportunities and challenges for (international) NGOs (& consulting firms) ► *Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy (SARD Inclusive Solutions' Program)*
- **Grants versus TAs.** Grants ► EAs/IAs recruit consultants and procure works, equipment and goods ≠ *Technical Assistance* ► ADB
- **Challenge.** NGOs/consulting firms able to embrace agency-level capacity development & grassroots initiatives (e.g. energy-based livelihoods and decentralized energy systems) and work with local NGOs/CBOs



# NGOs versus Consulting Firms

Consulting Firms	NGOs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong financial background and resources</li><li>• Short-term commitment in the project area</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited financial resources</li><li>• Long-term commitment in the project area</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience in working and established relations with Government agencies (EAs, IAs)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited experience in working with Government agencies (central ≠ decentralized level)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited direct experience in working with local stakeholders and communities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extensive direct experience in working with local stakeholders and communities</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limited experience in mainstreaming gender in energy sector projects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extensive experience in mainstreaming gender (► renewable energy projects)</li></ul>

# Modalities of NGO Engagements

Engagement Model	Sample Project
(1) International NGO working with national NGOs (3)	JFPR Grant Improving Women's Access to Clean and Renewable Energy in South Asia (ADB recruits)
(2) Local NGO partnering with an international consulting firm	TA on Enabling Poor Women's Benefits from Enhanced Access to Energy in Hatiya Island (ADB recruits)
(3) (Strong) national NGO partnering with Community-based Organizations (CBOs) ► <i>submitted EOI &amp; proposal to ADB through UN</i>	TA on Gujarat Solar Vocational and Livelihood Training (ADB recruits)
(4) International NGO working through its own local/national chapters	<p>(a) <b>BAN: Power System Enhancement and Efficiency Improvement Project (Grant)</b></p> <p>(b) <b>NEP: TA Strengthening the Capacity of Nepal's Energy Sector to Deliver GESI Results (ADB recruits)</b></p>