

Making Women's Challenges and Roles in COVID-19 Vaccination Programs Visible

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Gender Mainstreaming in ADB Operations & Policies

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Strategy 2030

Operational Priority 2 (OP2)

Accelerating progress in gender equality

Support for gender equality and women's empowerment is also central to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Strategic Operational Priorities

1. Women's economic empowerment increased
2. Gender equality in human development enhanced
3. Gender equality in decision-making and leadership enhanced
4. Women's time poverty and drudgery reduced
5. Women's resilience to external shocks strengthened



What's in OP2?

Going Beyond Gender Mainstreaming

Clearer Gender Equality Outcomes in Design and Monitoring Framework



Higher Corporate Targets

***75% total no. of
projects directly
support gender
equality by 2030***

***80% of completed
projects deliver
intended project
results by 2024***

SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

WHAT?



1 End discrimination against all women and girls



4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work



2 Eliminate violence against all women and girls



5 Ensure women's participation and leadership in decision-making



3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child marriage



6 Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights

HOW?



a Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, including land



b Enhance the use of information and communication technology



c Adopt and strengthen policies and legislation



ADB's Gender Mainstreaming System

Multilateral Development Bank

Good Practice

- 1998 Gender and Development Policy
- Strategy 2030 Operational Plan for Priority 2: Accelerating Progress in Gender Equality, 2019–2024
- Well-regarded 4-tier system
 - Gender equity theme (GEN)
 - Effective gender mainstreaming (EGM)
 - Some gender elements (SGE)
 - No gender elements (NGE)

Placing Gender Equality at the Center of the New Normal: Build back forward while reinforcing the transformative gender agenda



Gender-responsive response and recovery to mitigate negative impacts on women & girls

Leveraging Strategy 2030 and Gender Operational Plan to identify entry points for transformative change

Working with developing member countries and development partners to build a 'better' normal for women & girls

Addressing gender issues in COVID-19 vaccine access



Challenges

- Gendered barriers to access
 - restricted mobility
 - health identity documentation
 - access to information
- Women more likely to be infected
- Men have higher fatality rates
- Gender differences in antibodies
- Pregnancy risks

Gender-responsive Designs

- Gender analyses & data to reduce gender gaps and mitigate exclusion
- Vaccine targets for mothers, caregivers, and health workers
- Gender-inclusive protocol on vaccine deployment and administration
- Gender-sensitive capacity building for vaccine procurement, delivery and management; identifying gender-based violence cases
 - Gender-inclusive and accessibility features in vaccine production facilities
- Communication outreach to women
- Strengthen/support other important vaccines for women & girls e.g., HPV