Two Months Activities Report of Gender Data Network Project

March and April, 2022
Introduction

In this report, main project activities that have done in the last two months (March and April) are presented. This two months’ period was extension of 2nd phase of project which is started in July 2021. The new initiation, which is actually extended from previous two years’ project is aim to enhance more on having gender specific data, encourage its use, and improve effective communication of gender statistics across participating countries, and further connecting its members to the wider global community. In addition, its aim is to strengthening members’ capacity through fostering gender data expertise, facilitating trainings and webinars, updating members to attend any international gender specific events, and enhance collaboration between member so as to raise and solve issues they face; focusing on common gender data gaps and accelerating the uptake of new methodologies to close them.

Activities Done in March and April of 2022

1. **GDN meeting to present the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI), (in March 2022)**

As part of the GDN activities, a closed meeting is organised in collaboration with the OECD Development Centre to present the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) to the GDN members. The OECD Development Centre’s gender programme produces data and evidence-based analysis to identify the root causes of gender inequality and feed policy dialogue, in line with the 2030 Agenda. The SIGI is a cross-country measure to capture the underlying, often invisible drivers of gender inequality. It measures discrimination in social institutions, i.e. formal and informal laws, social norms and practices, which adversely affect women’s and girls’ lives and consequently curtail their empowerment opportunities throughout their lifetime.

In recent years, the OECD Development Centre, in collaboration with National Statistical Offices (NSOs), has developed the SIGI Country Studies (Burkina Faso, Uganda). These projects are based on nationally representative household surveys that seek to capture social norms and practices that may hamper women’s and girls’ empowerment. The objectives are: to measure the prevalence of discriminatory gender norms in a country by collecting quantitative and qualitative data at the sub-national level; to empirically analyse how gender norms affect women's empowerment opportunities; to facilitate evidence-based policy dialogue for transformative policy-making through a multi-pronged and holistic approach.
The objectives of this meeting were to:
Present the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) through country examples; and Foster dialogue on the production of high-quality gender data and identify concrete entry points on how to enhance communication between users and producers. In addition, the meeting was aim to enhance learning on how to adopt a gender-sensitive approach and what role the NSO can play in bridging the data-policy gap based on the experience of countries (e.g. Uganda, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Côte d’Ivoire) that OECD Development Centre are closely working.

Final outcome of Meeting:
One of senior project staffs from OECD development Centre has presented and share the Social Institution and Gender Index report findings for GDN members through explaining main courses to conduct countries SIGI index report. Then, the recent Tanzania’s SIGI report had taken to illustrate more in detail the level of discrimination against women in social institutions. These social institution includes women's discrimination in the family, restricted physical integrity, access to productive and financial resources, and restricted in civil liberties. This final SIGI country report of Tanzania can be find here: SIGI report of Tanzania 2022.

2. Finalizing the GDN project activities Report from 2019

The Africa Centre of Statistics (ACS) in collaboration with partner organization had conducted final report of Gender Data Network project activities since its inception in 2019. This report tries to overview the main activities done under GDN project from initial phase to recent months. Besides to highlighting project activities, the report also covers lessons learned across the 15 network members and future preferred supports by member states in order to enhance the production and use of gender statistics across countries.

It draws upon a range of evidentiary sources including project documents, GDN and partner publications, key informant interviews with GDN members and operating partners. Generally, the report provides an overview of project activities done since its inception period and all other lessons through triangulating from GDN members, partner organizations and direct responsible staffs. For more information, this final report document is attached in final page of this report.
3. **Facilitate to make Video interview with GDN members**

Beside to preparing summary report in form of document, project team has also making video interview with GDN members and programme staffs in order to record and document main project outcomes including its lessons. Understanding well and advocate how the project is helping the GDN member states in gender data production, improving the effectiveness of communication about gender data, and encouraging gender data use across these participating countries is crucial. To do so, video interview is conducting by experienced consultant to capture all anticipated responses from direct beneficiaries of project. Constructive questionnaire is prepared for these video interview to recall wide range of activities done and its effect since the inception time of project in 2019. In addition to understanding main contribution of project, this video of interview will help us to future fundraising and other supports need to request in any partner organizations working on gender and related Sustainable development goals. Hence, project staffs in ECA are technically working with the consultant through providing any required supports.

4. **Communicating with GDN partners**

Biweekly meetings are held regularly with PARIS21, Data2X and Open Data Watch to ensure project activities are moving smoothly and in accordance to all these partners’ expectation. Therefore, partners are regular meeting and sharing their activities for team, so as to enhance collaboration between them. Some of the elements discussed during these calls are activities progress made by each partner and/or planned activities, and logistics around these activities.

In addition to biweekly meeting, GDN management meeting had conducted in April through incorporating general directors from partner organization (Data2x, Open Data Watch and Paris21). Main purpose of this Management meeting was the following once:

- to highlight project activities since its started in 2019 and then to plug benefits of GDN project for member states and their NSO;
- To recognize the cooperative effects of GDN partners on achieving the project purpose
- To have common understanding on future intended activities including expansion of GDN project to other regions and fund rising issues.

Final outcome of meeting was fascinating and encouraging to all programme staffs. All Partner directors including program staffs had shared their constructive thoughts to work more and ploughed project aims through expanding its coverage to other regions.

5. **Monthly updating GDN members key gender specific events (webinars, podcasts, publications, news, and other resources)**
Monthly update emails are sent to members on what is happening worldwide in gender, gender statistics, and statistics development to keep all be informed on these gender specific knowledge sharing events and for all other helpful learning instances. In addition, in this monthly summary information GDN members can easily access upcoming webinars, and also learn from realised videos/podcasts, publications, news, tools and other related resources.

Besides to sharing learning materials, we communicated GDN members a head to attend on many gender specific events, especially, we did more in march because of there were many relevant webinars and learning occasions related to gender.

6. **GDN platform and communication with members**

The *Gender Data Network* platform is updated regularly with new publications, gender specific online courses and events relevant to the Network. Hence, relevant gender events, online courses, and gender data portals are updated regularly into ECA’s [Gender Data Network Platform](#).

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**The following documents are attached here as reference**

i. Final GDN project activities Report from Inception period of 2019

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ii. Concept note of meeting aim to present the Social Institutions and Gender Index (SIGI) of some African countries done by OECD Development Centre.

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