



SEAFDEC Session – work and perspectives on gender integration and women's empowerment for gender equality

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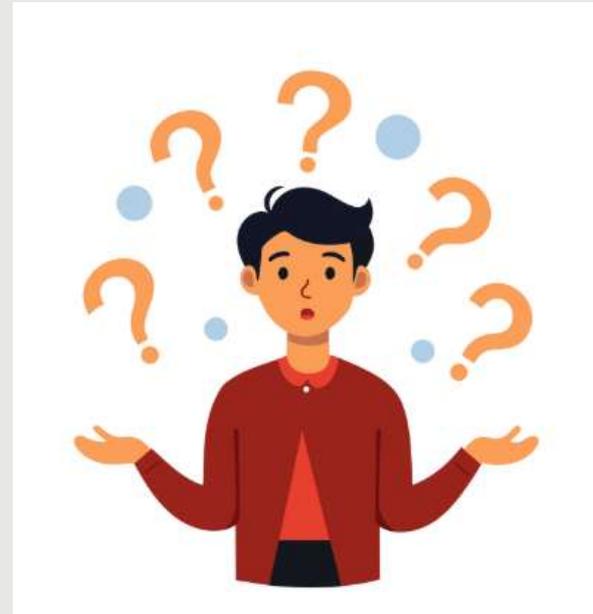
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Introduction

Why is there a gender equality component in a fisheries project?

USAID Oceans Inception Workshop, 2015



My involvement in gender equality/women's empowerment work

- **AIT Aquaculture Program/Outreach** (late 90s - 2006)
- **AIT/CIDA Southeast Asian Urban Environmental Management** (SEA UEMA Project, 2006-2009); ensuring gender aspects were integrated into UEM projects on air pollution, solid waste management, and wastewater management
- **EU/Stirling/Kasetsart Sustaining Ethical Aquaculture Trade** (SEAT Project, 2009-2014); gender integration including labor/worker concerns; doctoral studies
- **Maximizing Agricultural Revenue through Knowledge, Enterprise Development, and Trade** (MARKET, 2014-2015): NACA; focused on Gender Assessments in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam
- **Oceans and Fisheries Partnership** (Oceans, 2015-2020): CTI-CFF, SEAFDEC; DOI-SOACAP; Human Welfare and Gender Integration within fisheries management, technology, private sector engagement;
- **Sustainable Fish Asia Local Capacity Development** (SUFIA LCD, 2020-2022): CTI-CFF, SEAFDEC; organizational and technical capacity assessments and development
- **Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support** (SuFiA TS, 2022-2025): regional organizations incl. SEAFDEC
- **Technical Assistance: Safe and Inclusive Fisheries – Strengthening Worker Safety and Shrimp and Capture Value Chains (Indonesia, Mozambique, Philippines)** under the Climate Ocean Adaptation and Sustainable Transition (COAST) Programme (2025-2026)
- **Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries Section of the Asian Fisheries Science and other networks**

My perspectives on gender integration/women's empowerment

- **Progress**
- **Integration efforts**
- **Sustainability of efforts**
- **Capacity building** – mentoring, training, learning, application
- **Results**
- **Resources**

Conclusion



Source: UN



SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

The goal of SDG 5 is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



WHAT?



1 End discrimination against all women and girls



2 Eliminate violence against all women and girls



3 Eliminate all harmful practices such as child marriage



4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work



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



6 Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights

Source: ADB

Thank you!