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Presentation on women's organizations role in creating and advancing a new development agenda and sustainable development goals at country level: Kyrgyzstan

Introduction

In the presentation focus will be on challenges, opportunities and risks for **women and their organizations** in the global process of creating a new development agenda and sustainable development goals. The analysis will be based on one country experience in Asia Pacific region – **Kyrgyzstan**. The analysis will be concluded with a series of **recommendations for CSO** movement as well as **for women's movement** looking forward to our future.

It is worth to remind about the current context. For determination of and participation in future development agenda and goals women's involvement is based on several significant processes. They are review of 20 year of implementation of the major international women's document – Beijing Platform For Action (BPFA), known as Beijing +20; Post-2015 process, with new sustainable goals formulation; aid and development effectiveness process with global partnership component. These processes currently are going on as parallel processes, but for women's organizations it makes big sense to unite them from women's joint positions at all levels – at global, regional, national and local levels. This will help to strengthen women's ownership of their own participation in these spaces.

I will conclude my presentation with a call for actions to women's groups and to CSO in our region.

Challenges

Women's organizations in our region as well as in Kyrgyzstan face series of challenges in advancing women's goals in the new development agenda and SDGs, in being an active actor the Post-2015 process. A list of challenges structural, procedural, institutional, financial, ideological and include behavioral patterns of development stakeholders: States, UN, international organizations, donors, business that lead to exclusion of women and their issues; lack of engagement mechanisms, lack of capacity, lack of communication channels, lack of sense of ownership, lack of networking, lack of languages, consolidation of women's groups in countries, sub-regions, regions and globally.

Lack of consolidation of different thematic groups in countries and in region for joint impact on shaping future development agenda and this weakens effectiveness of CSOs of the region.

Many of these challenges are results of absence of financial means for women's organizations.

Case

As all over the world in Kyrgyzstan women were left out of the process of identification of new development agenda. The State and UN led process failed to engage women's groups as well as to collect messages. So this process at country level became quite exclusive. It was one of the challenges – absence of inclusive processes in the country. This challenge was addressed by national network of women's organizations, namely by the Forum of women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan. Wide networking is creating big opportunities to engage our own network members but also to be engaged in the wide advocacy processes. More than 80 women's organizations from all over the country are members of the **network** of the Forum of women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan. Forum of

women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan has an advantage of being linked with a variety of women's groupings in the world, such as Women's Major Groups at UN Post-2015 process, APWLD, etc. It is important to underline the importance of regional and global connections: Forum of women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan is a member of diverse networks on women's rights and CSOs: Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Asia Pacific Women Watch (APWW), Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), CARAT Coalition, Central Asian Forum of women's NGOs, Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN), Asia Pacific Reality of Aid, World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS).

We have held a national conference with an objective of Identification of women's and women's organizations' vision of Kyrgyzstan future (contribution of women's organizations in discussion and identification of development agenda for post 2015 in the Kyrgyz Republic).

Concept of the conference “Future we want – women's view”

For the future of the country views and recommendations of women and women's organizations are important. Participation of women and their organizations from all provinces and from all layers of society play big role in determining future goals of the Kyrgyzstan development.

In order to include women and their organizations into the discussion of these important issues for their life Forum of women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan started a research process of identification of vision of the future by women and women's organizations.

Conference results will be used by women and women's organizations for integration of women's and women's organizations' vision in the process of determining future post 2015 goals of the Kyrgyzstan development.

Women's and women's organizations' vision of the future of our country will serve as a joint platform for advocacy and lobbying of their suggestions at the national, local and international forums and processes of determining development goals of the country. At the conference a presentation was done of the survey results held by the from November 2013 to January 2014.

Goal: Identification of women's and women's organizations' vision of Kyrgyzstan future (contribution of women's organizations in discussion and identification of development agenda for post 2015 in the Kyrgyz Republic)

The draft of the statement is attached just in case if it can be useful for our work, we also drafted a bigger statement to our State pushing to support women's demands on standalone goals and integrating women's rights targets and indicators into SDGs. Also we shall be working one 1 month on specific targets and indicators to integrate into Kyrgyzstan sustainable development strategy till 2017. We have some promises from MP, head of the national women's machinery to join our advocacy and lobby at country level.

We, activists of the women's movement in Kyrgyzstan – participants of the conference “Post 2015- Kyrgyzstan future – women's vision”, held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in 22-23 January 2014, believe that without women's wide participation and without reflection of women's vision it is impossible to develop and adopt sustainable goals of Kyrgyzstan development.

Taking into consideration that Sustainable Development Goals for Kyrgyzstan in the period after 2015 are important in lives of each woman,

- we are sure that full development of the country and its wellbeing require maximum

participation of women on equal footing with men in all areas;

- we state the importance of the women's contribution to family prosperity and development of society; significance of motherhood.

Taking into consideration that gender equality is one of the most wide spread forms of inequality and is an issue of human rights, that gender equality is still a reality of life, that women and girls of all ages bear the burden of social inequality and discrimination, we are determined to implement women's human rights principles formulated in CEDAW, and for this we are ready to take needed steps to eliminate discrimination against women in all forms;

We join women's positions from many part of the Globe, including Women's Major Group in demanding gender equality and women's empowerment. In connection with this we state that it is necessary to include into post 2015 development agenda and framework gender equality and women's rights as a standalone goal, and to ensure that specific gender targets and indicators are integrated into all Sustainable Development Goals of Kyrgyzstan.

We are confirmed that for reaching substantial and sustainable progress on gender equality the post-2015 development framework should contain priorities in this areas and put women's and girls' rights into the center of development agenda.

The post 2015 Sustainable Development framework should include specific means of implementation to reach gender equality. Means of implementation should include 1) adequate financing scheme for usually marginalized target/objective on gender equality within main countries' sustainable development strategies and programs to reach gender equality and protect women's rights; 2) use widely such internationally agreed means of implementation as temporary special measures for achieving gender equality; 3) integrate a women's rights progress monitoring framework to set up an accountability of development partners for gender equality and women's rights. In partnership it should be ensured that women's groups, from local to international organizations, have institutional space for making substantial contribution to decision-making and timely voicing women's concerns during periodic discussions of progress, to ensure equal participation of women in monitoring of implementation of the sustainable development goals.

We support the Women Major Group's position for the 8th session of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals: Putting women and girls at the Centre of the post-2015 development framework and recommended specific targets and indicators related to gender equality and women's rights.

PICTURE FROM OUR MEETINGS

Case of piloting integration of women's goals in new development local agenda in order to be prepared to effectively use of MOI after 2015.

Opportunities

Opportunities lie both in the area of challenges but also in models of women's approaches development.

When talking about opportunities as schemes of addressing challenges we mean advocacy work with external actors

Opportunities for building collaborations and common actions to link local struggles for Development Justice to the global conversation shaping the post-2015 development agenda are the following:

Women's organizations have diverse existing tools and process that can be used for consolidation of women's groups in countries and in region with other groups for joint impact on shaping future development agenda.

What is currently at stake?

1. Local ownership
2. Localization of the global processes of creating a new development agenda and sustainable development goals at sub regional, national and local levels
3. Strengthening MOI (means of implementation)

Recommendations

1. Uniting and synchronizing various parallel process from women's perspectives
2. Cross sending women's messages through different constituencies
3. Use experience and lessons from other countries and organize wide advocacy for integrating women's positions into a new development agenda and sustainable development goals
4. building collaborations and common actions to link local struggles for Development Justice to the global conversation shaping the post-2015 development agenda
5. Start translations into local language
6. Call for actions to women's groups and to CSO in our region