

EXPERIENCES OF NETWORK FOR PROMOTION OF GENDER IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN (NGF)

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Name of Network

- ❖ **Network for Promotion of Gender in Fisheries Management and Development in the Lower Mekong Basin (NGF).**

When NGF was formulated?

- ❖ **National Networks on Women in Fisheries (WIF) were set up through initiatives by governments' fisheries line agencies from 1997-2000.**
 - **Cambodia, October 1997**
 - **Lao PDR, October 1999**
 - **Viet Nam, March 1999**
 - **Thailand, February 2000**
- ❖ **Regional Network (NGF) was set up in 2000, integrating the four national networks.**

NGF has formulated for ? (purpose of NGF)

- 1. To ensure equal benefit for men and women in fisheries development in the region;**
- 2. To increase awareness of gender's roles in the fisheries sectors;**
- 3. To provide information on gender and women in fisheries (especially in the LMB) includes:**
 - Gender-disaggregated data**
 - Socio-economic data in general,**
 - Gender-relevant information to ensure that gender aspects are taken into account in the design of fisheries management activities.**

Characteristics of NGF

- 1) NGF was not set up as a part of MRC or the FP
- 2) It is an 'Open Network', but supported by MRC Fisheries Programme and other organizations including national fisheries agencies;
- 3) Its members are mainly staff from Government fisheries agencies ;
- 4) Regionally coordinated, nationally implemented
- 5) Development Network (application of knowledge);
- 6) The Regional of NGF is a member of Technical Advisory Body for fisheries management in the LBM (TAB);
- 7) The Regional NGF coordination Responsibility is rotated among the member country in one year basis.

Main Activities of NGF

- 1) Organize a meeting at least once a year to share information on gender in fisheries sector through NGF annual meeting (the last 15th NGF annual meeting, was organized in Phnom Penh, 18-19 August 2014);
- 2) Extend of national network to local level, including provincial, district and grassroots level in each Member Country;
- 3) Conducting study on gender and women in fisheries and Aquaculture at both national and regional levels (MRC-FP and NACA-USID (Thailand, Viet Nam));
- 4) Gender-sensitive technology transfer activities in fisheries community;
- 5) Capacity building for the NGF members in the fisheries sector.

How does NGF works?

- 1) Annual planning through its NGF Annual meeting for the regional network and implementation at the national level in the riparian countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam);
- 2) Exchange information and sharing experience between the NGF members;
- 3) Seeking fund within the country and from different donors;
- 4) Integrate the gender issues and activities into fisheries development projects and management in riparian countries.

NGF activity implementation Plans for Aug 2014-July 2015)

outputs from 15th NGF annual meeting

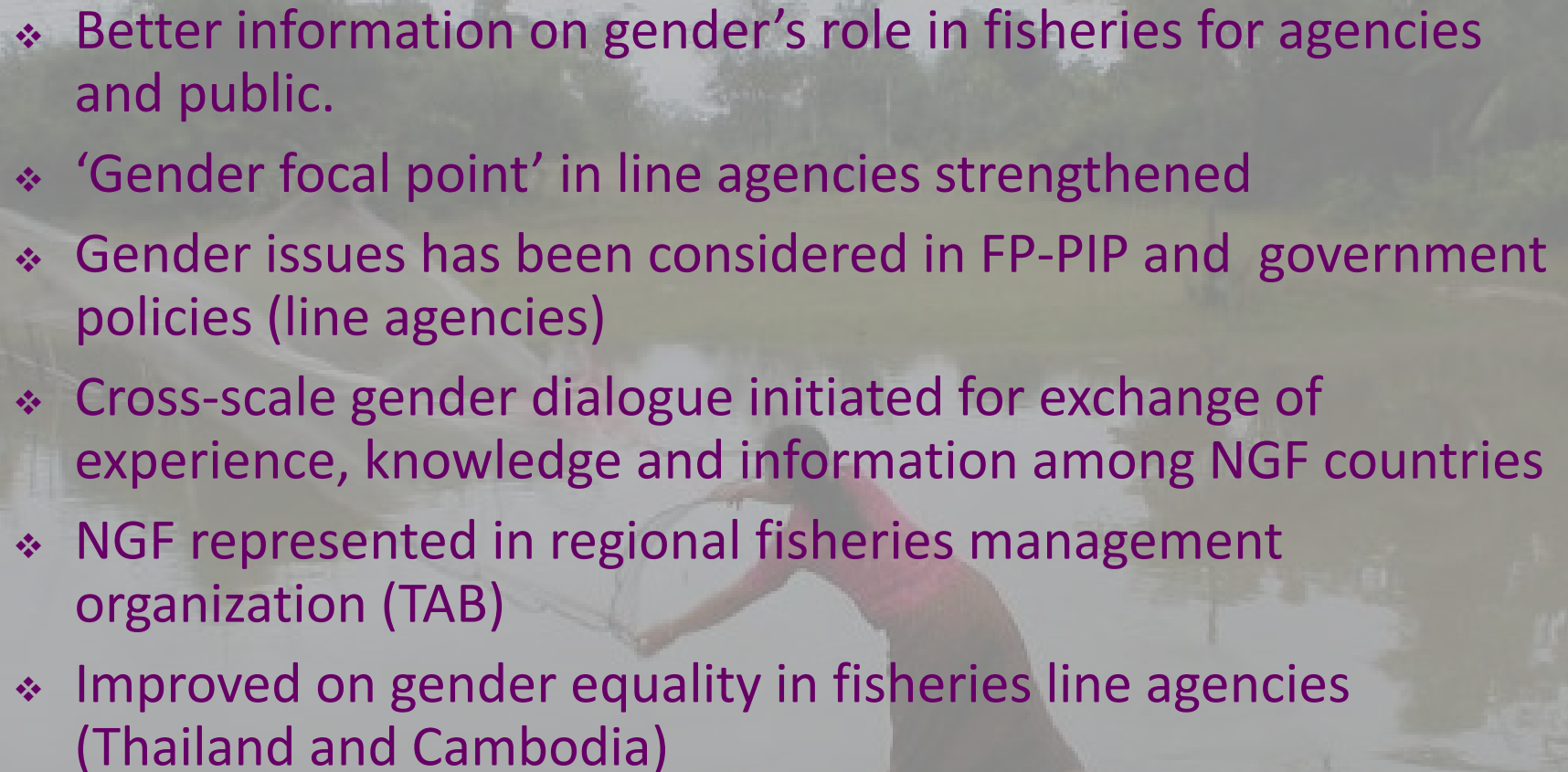
Description	Activities	When	Responsible	Where	Source of budget
1. Meeting	Organize the 16 th NGF annual meeting	August 2015 (2 days)	Regional NGF Coordinator	VTE, Lao PDR	FP
Study on Gender issues in Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Lower Mekong River Basin (LMB)					
2. Research	Conduct the research on gender issues in fisheries and aquaculture in the LMB	Sept. 2014	National team (including national NGF)		MRC-FP
3. Communication (Facebook)	Active Facebook by all NGF members	From today	National members		FP and National NGF seeking for fund
4. Technical Symposium	Present the al technical papers on gender (regional) or national???) to the 11 th Technical Symposium	May 2015	Regional NGF Coordinator	Thailand	MRC-FP

Next plans for NGF activity implementation (Aug 2014-July 2015)

Description	Activities	When	Responsible	Where	Source of budget
5. Gender data collection	Collect sex-dis-aggregated data	August 2013-July 2014	NGF members		National budget & seeking for funding
6. Gender study	Participate in dialog platform on gender study in GAF 5	Nov 2014	1 NGF member from each MC	India	Seeking from NACA and USID for supporting



Some Network Achievements

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- ❖ Better information on gender's role in fisheries for agencies and public.
 - ❖ 'Gender focal point' in line agencies strengthened
 - ❖ Gender issues has been considered in FP-PIP and government policies (line agencies)
 - ❖ Cross-scale gender dialogue initiated for exchange of experience, knowledge and information among NGF countries
 - ❖ NGF represented in regional fisheries management organization (TAB)
 - ❖ Improved on gender equality in fisheries line agencies (Thailand and Cambodia)

Lessons Learnt from 14 Years' Experiences of NGF

- 1) NGF Network is very important for knowledge creation and information distribution on gender in fisheries;
- 2) Linked research output to policy, information to action/plan and implementation;
- 3) Increased supported by national and international organizations;
- 4) Improved communication and development gender mainstreaming policy and strategy in fisheries sector;
- 5) Integration of gender issues into project activities and work plan.

Lessons Learnt (cont.)

- 1) Increased awareness of women role in fisheries sector;
- 2) Increased capacity/ability of women in fisheries sector for fisheries management, development and implementation;
- 3) Improved the communication linkages between relevant departments, project, donors, International Organization, NGO agencies in relation to gender in fisheries and aquaculture.

Struggling of NGF

- ❖ Limitation of capacity of national fisheries agencies, particular regarding gender concept, gender analysis for extend the gender network at the national level;
- ❖ Limitation of fund to support for project implementation on promotion of gender in fisheries for both regional and national activities.

Need to strengthen the NGF

NGF needs to be strengthened, it can work more effectively on gender mainstreaming in fisheries:

- Capacity building of knowledge and skills on gender and related topics;
- Platforms is needed for dialog on gender mainstreaming for exchange of lessons learnt, knowledge and experiences.

To do this, need financial and technical support.....

13th NGF Annual Meeting

Where: Nong Khai, Thailand

When: 21-22 June, 2012

Who are participates:

- NGF members;
- NTCs and NTMs;
- NACA;
- Asian Fisheries Society;
- SEAFDEC

For what?

- Review progress and plan of NGF activities implementation
- Explore of collaboration between FP and its partners to strengthen NGF



14th NGF Annual Meeting

Where: Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

When: 15-16 August, 2013

Participates:

- NGF members;
- NTCs and NTMs;
- MRC –FP



15th NGF Annual Meeting





**Regional Technical Workshop on
Proposal of Study on Gender Issues in
Fisheries and Aquaculture in the LMB
Organized on 11-13 June 2014,
Vientiane, Lao PDR**

Thank you very much