East Asia and Pacific Gender Innovation Lab (EAPGIL)

MISSION STATEMENT: We enable project teams and policymakers to better integrate an evidence-based gender perspective into programs and policies.

OBJECTIVES

Generate evidence

on how closing gender gaps can help achieve other development outcomes on what works to close gender gaps

Promote uptake

of effective gender policies and programs

FOCUS AREAS

Themes aligned with World Bank Gender Strategy to improve women's economic opportunities

- Remove barriers to productivity of women farmers and entrepreneurs
- Reduce trade-offs between women's household and market roles
- Enhance women's skills

Countries of focus

- Initial focus on: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam
- Intention to scale-up to all EAP countries

WHAT WE DO

Financing

• Funding for selected *impact evaluations* (design, data collection, analysis of results)

For evaluated interventions:

- Funding for "deep-dive" qualitative analysis to improve project design or to better understand results
- Funding to implement innovative solutions for women's economic empowerment or to integrate lessons learned

Technical support

- Support for the design, implementation, and analysis of impact evaluations
- Sharing of evidence from other countries on gender-effective policies and programs
- Building capacity of task teams and local stakeholders on evaluation methods and using results to inform policy
- Support to integrate lessons into project and policy design

HOW WE WORK

- To ensure effective allocation of limited funds, the EAPGIL will organize calls for expression of interest (EOIs) through Global Practices and country teams. The first call will be in the third quarter of 2016.
- EOIs selected by the Steering Committee and Technical Review Panel will receive funding to conduct an impact evaluation.
- Prior to the call, the EAPGIL team will reach out to operational teams to explore the possibilities for innovative interventions within their projects in eligible EAP countries that:
 - Are conducive to achieving project development objectives more effectively
 - Have the potential to be rigorously evaluated and generate evidence in one of the focus areas

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