

**Workshop on
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**Integrating Gender Statistics in Poverty Statistics
Nepalese Experience**

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Outline of the Presentation

- Data source to poverty statistics
- Effort made to improve from gender perspective
- Poverty statistics with Gender disaggregation
- Few examples on gender responsive reforms by the government.

Sources of Data to generate poverty statistics

1. Nepal Living Standard Survey (NLSS):
 - NLSS -I in 1995/96
 - NLSS -II in 2003/04
 - NLSS -III in 2010/11
2. Nepal Labour force Survey (NLFS)
 - NLFS -I in 1998/99
 - NLSS -II in 2008
3. Population and Housing Census Data:
 - Access to physical facilities
4. District Poverty Monitoring and Analysis System (DPMAS)

Effort made to improve from gender perspective

- Among other, Gender and social inclusive committee were formed comprising different stakeholders e.g., Women commission, MoWC, MoLD, MoH, MoE, Mo PA & C etc.
- In questionnaire preparatory stage discussions were held organizing stakeholders meeting in different part of the country.
- Separate instruction manuals from gender perspective were prepared for the supervisors and enumerators.
- The gender experts from outside CBS were invited to train the staff at different levels from centre to the field level.

- In field work of the NLSS and NLFS, field teams were formed with including at least two female interviewers in each team. Where as in population census 40 % of the total field staff were selected from female.
- Main users of gender poverty statistics are national planning commission, MoWC, MoLD, MoH, MoE, MoPA & C, Women commission, Un women, NGOs, INGOs, etc.
- The demand for gender responsive statistics in more disaggregate level in term of geographical area, administrative units, Cast & ethnicity, religion, language, etc. being challenged to the CBS.
- Gender focused reports will be prepared and disseminated in separate volume from census data.

Head of household and food security indicators, 2010/11

Head of Household	Poverty	Food Poverty	More than 75% share of expenditure on food	Self reported, less than adequate consumption
Male-headed household	26 %	23 %	15 %	18 %
Female-headed household	24 %	20 %	18 %	21%

Age-gender of the Household Head

Household Head Characteristics	Poverty Incidence			Distribution of the Population
	Head Count index	Poverty Gap index	Squared Poverty Gap Index	
Male, <= 25 Years	24.49	5.41	1.82	1.9
Male (26-45) years	27.3	6.10	2.10	32.9
Male, 46+ years	24.29	5.07	1.65	44.2
Female	23.69	5.15	1.69	21.0
Nepal	25.16	5.43	1.81	100.0

Food Security and Nutrition

Household Head	Under Nutrition		
	Stunted (in %)	Under Weight (in %)	Wasted (in %)
Female Headed Household	45	30	11
Male Headed Household	46	36	16
Female	43	32.7	13.3
Male	40.1	29.6	14.1

Nutrition of Children of below 5 years

Age Group (month)	Stunting Status (Height –for-Age) (in %)			Under Weight Status (Weight -for- Age) (in %)			Wasting Status (Weight -for-Height) (in %)		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
00 - 11	12.4	13.8	13.1	16.2	17.7	16.9	24.1	22.0	23.1
12-23	43.2	40.6	41.9	29.3	30.7	30.0	21.1	18	19.7
24-35	47.5	47	47.2	30.6	33.8	32.2	9.9	10.6	10.3
36-47	50.0	52.8	51.4	36.1	37.5	36.8	9.5	9.2	9.3
48- 59	45.2	55.9	50.2	34.4	41.2	37.5	7.6	9.0	8.2
Nepal	40.1	43	41.5	29.6	32.7	31.1	14.1	13.3	13.7

Distribution of children by current activity status

NLSS 2010/11

Gender	School Only	School & Work	Work only	Not Active	Total
Female	48.5	41.3	4.8	5.4	100
Male	56.7	34.5	2.7	6.1	100

Distribution of child workers by number of hours worked (during last 7 days)

Gender	1- 19 hours	20 – 39 hours	40 hours and above	total
Male	75.5	17.4	7.1	100
Female	70.1	21.7	8.3	100

Employment situation and related indicators

NLSS 2010/11

	Based on the Population 10+ years engaged in the work (during last 7 days)		
	Male	Female	Nepal
% of employed population	78.3	78.3	78.3
% of unemployed population	2.6	1.2	1.8
% of inactive population	19.1	20.6	19.9
Labor force participation Rate	80.9	79.4	80.1
Unemployment Rate	3.2	1.5	2.2

Unemployment Rate by Age Groups(during last 7 Days)

Age group	Male	Female	Nepal
10- 14 Years	1.7	0.7	1.1
15-24 Years	5.2	2.4	3.6
25 – 44 Years	4.1	1.6	2.6
45 years and above	1.6	0.9	1.3
Total	3.2	1.5	2.2

Median daily wage in cash/kind received by wage earners (in current NRs.)

Gender	Agriculture Sector		Non-agriculture Sector	
	Cash	Kind	Cash	Kind
Female	100	50	125	50
Male	150	50	200	50

Distribution of women involved in the household decision making

Household Decisions	Final Decision			
	Me	My spouse	Both	Other
In which school/collage the children send	14.1	15.6	56.3	14.0
How many children to have	17.4	10.7	66.3	5.6
Spending on food	28.1	12.6	48.6	10.8
Spending on major household items	23.5	15.8	49.9	10.8
Selling household assets	18.7	18.6	51.6	11.1
To take loans	15.2	21.5	51.7	11.6
Which crops to grow	20.4	12.3	53.1	14.2
How to use loans	14.4	19.9	54.1	11.5
How to use remittance	22.2	9.9	44.7	23.2
To migrate for employment	8.5	17.8	48.2	25.5

Few examples on gender responsive reforms by the government

- The representation of the women in the parliament has increased from 6 to 33 percent.
- Establishment of MoWC, Women Commission, At least one female teacher in each primary school, Equal right on paternal property between son and daughter, social security allowances to the widow and single women. Etc.
- PHC- 2001 published that woman ownership on fixed property is only 5.5 % in house and 10.8 % in land.
- Policy to exempt on registration fees levied on transferring the ownership of the fixed property in women's name. The exemption is 25 % in urban areas and 30 % in the village.

- Made provision in the civil service Acts, rules and regulations to increase the female participation.
- Women's participation in the foreign employment has increased through the provision in the protection of the women's right in foreign employment Acts.
- Women's entry in the army made possible by amendment in the military service Act and police force.
- Citizenship card can be issued in the name of mother as well.

Thank you !