Gender & Development Budgeting and the Aquino Social Contract

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Gender and Development: An Aspiration of People Power
Gender and Development Budget: Then and Now

General Provisions, 1995 GAA
SEC. 27. GENDER-RESPONSIVE PROJECTS. All departments, bureaus, offices and agencies shall set aside an amount out of their 1995 appropriations to be used for projects designed to address gender issues in accordance with R.A. No. 7192...

General Provisions, 2011 GAA
SEC. 31. PROGRAMS/PROJECTS RELATED TO GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, SUCs, GOCCs, and LGUs shall formulate a Gender and Development (GAD) Plan designed to address gender issues within their concerned sectors or mandate and implement applicable provisions in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Beijing Platform for Action, the Millennium Development Goals (2000-2015), the Philippine Plan for Gender-Responsive Development (1995-2025), and the Framework plan for Women. The GAD Plan shall be integrated in the regular activities of the agencies, which shall be at least five percent (5%) of their respective budgets...

Success or Failure?
Gender and Development in Budgeting
Agency Compliance with 5% Agency Budget for GAD

GAD Budget Allocations


GAD Allocations (In billion pesos)

Agency Compliance with 5% Agency Budget for GAD

GAD Budgets as % of Total GAA & of Dept/Agency Budgets


% of Department/Agency Budgets  % of GAA
Agency Compliance with 5% Agency Budget for GAD

**Agency Submission of GAD Plans**

- **Implementation Problems**
  - Low compliance & low utilization of already low budgetary allocations for GAD
  - More important: validity and quality of programs and projects that GAD budgets allocate for
  - Standards in recording, attribution and reporting
  - Management and operational problems
Our formula for success:
GAD Budgeting and the Aquino Social Contract

Kung Walang Corrupt Walang Mahirap
Aquino Social Contract on Gender Equality

From a lack of concern for gender disparities and shortfalls

To the promotion of equal gender opportunity in all spheres of public policies and programs

“The way forward is to move, together, in the broad light of day, where everything we do and how we do it is clear, honest, and transparent.”

-President Benigno S. Aquino III

(PPP Conference, November 18, 2010)
Our Formula for Success: DAYLIGHT

Review of GAD Joint Circular to emphasize:

• Performance- and Efficiency-Based Budgeting

• Transparency and Accountability

• Inclusiveness in Citizen Engagement

Ultimate goal: Beyond 5%
Making Entire Budget Gender-Responsive