



PROVISIONAL PROSPECTUS
Data Validation Workshop on Gender Dimension in the Value Chain of Small-scale
Inland Aquaculture
22 March 2021
Bolikhamxay Province, Lao PDR

I. Background

Gender issues are widely recognized in many workplaces including in Fisheries, especially in small scale fisheries that were found that it can support the livelihoods of women and men who are working together. Gender dimension, which means integrating sex and gender analysis into research, is necessary for dealing with prevalent gender issues in the entire fisheries value chain (pre-harvest, fishing/harvest, post-harvest, and marketing). The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) recommend that gender mainstreaming should be an integral part of all small-scale fisheries development strategies, considering different cultural contexts and challenging practices that are discriminatory against women. Moreover, the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) Gender Strategy was adopted to serve as an organizational overarching framework to facilitate SEAFDEC's efforts in integrating gender in its programs, projects, and activities. The SEAFDEC Gender Strategy is also intended to subsequently support the integration of gender perspectives in fisheries and aquaculture in the SEAFDEC Member Countries.

Thus, the SSF Guidelines recommend that gender mainstreaming should be an integral part of all small-scale fisheries development strategies, considering different cultural contexts. Therefore, the FAO and the SEAFDEC have agreed to conduct the Gender Dimension in the Value Chain of Small-scale Fisheries and Aquaculture in Southeast Asia project to improve and strengthened gender dimension in selected small-scale fisheries and aquaculture values chain in Southeast Asia. The project composes of five (5) main activities, as follows: 1) Site training for enumerators on gender concept and analysis and development of a data collection protocol, 2) Data collections and analysis to collect the data on Gender Dimension in the Value Chain of Small-scale Fisheries, 3) Data validation workshops, 4) Preparation of the report on gender analysis and communication product, and 5) Regional Workshop. This project will include the marine and inland waters where the project sites are categorized as A) Marine capture fisheries in the Philippines, B) Marine culture in Thailand, C) Inland aquaculture in Lao PDR, and D) Inland capture fisheries in Myanmar. The study on gender analysis under this project will follow the SEAFDEC Practical Guide for Gender Analysis in Small-scale Fisheries and Aquaculture in Southeast Asia which was developed based on SSF Guidelines.

The three (3) activities on training workshop on Gender concept and analysis, data collecting and analysis, and data validation workshop should be conducted in four (4) country's sites. In Laos PDR, the small-scale inland aquaculture in Bolikhamxay Province, Lao PDR was selected to be the site for gender analysis study on inland aquaculture. After

the data collection and analysis, the result will be reported back to all stakeholders to enhance the accuracy of dissemination through the validation Workshop.

II. Objectives

- 1) To validate the data collected on the gender dimension in the value chain of inland aquaculture at Bolikhamxay Province, Lao PDR
- 2) To obtain comments and recommendation from the key stakeholders in Bolikhamxay Province, Lao PDR
- 3) To enhance awareness of gender sensitivity

III. Expected Outputs

- 1) Validated data
- 2) Workshop participants aware of gender concept
- 3) Report on the data validation workshop

IV. Expected Outcome

Part of a report on the Gender Dimension in the Value Chain of Small-scale Fisheries and Aquaculture in Southeast Asia to submit to FAO.

V. Participants

- 1) Expected 40 participants who are involved in data collection procedure and related with fisheries value chain (*i.e.*, fisheries officer, fishers, farmer, and middleman)
- 2) Five (5) persons who participated in data collecting and data analysis will be participants in the data validation process.

VI. Date and Venue

Date: 22 March 2021

Venue: Bolikhamxay Province, Lao PDR

VII. Contact details.

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VIII. Schedule and Agenda

The half-day for data validation workshop will be conducted based on the availability time of fishers and stakeholders at the site. The schedule of the validation workshop shows as below.

21 March 2021: Meeting to preparing the workshop and arrange the workshop venue.

22 March 2021: Data Validation Workshop

- Presentation on gender concept
- Presentation on the result of the data collection
- Comments/recommendation from stakeholder
- Close the workshop.