

# PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

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## PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN

### Background:

#### Use of CBMS in Promoting Gender Equality in LGU Projects:

- Gender issues are problems that women and men experienced as a result of societies' definitions and expectations about feminine and masculine roles, rights and capacities. These issues affect the effective implementation of programs in the local government. ***Women are usually confined in situations that they are merely under the power of men in terms of decision making, leadership abilities, and employment opportunities.***
- The integration of gender in the LGU projects and KALAHI-CIDSS paved the way in identifying the more challenging roles of women particularly during the conduct of Community Empowerment Activity Cycle (CEAC) which is geared towards the achievement of the objectives of ***empowerment, poverty reduction and good governance.***

**CBMS data are used to determine the gender issues and problems affecting women and the vulnerable sectors in the communities.**

- ***Integrating GAD in the Participatory Situational Analysis/Problem Identification.*** Twenty five (25) barangays have undergone this process to identify priority problems and proposed intervention to address the problem. Problem Tree and Objective Tree Analysis were used.
- ***Barangay Assembly Meetings.*** More women participated in barangay assembly meetings (70% women, 30% men). Assembly meetings were held in

the 25 barangays in Torrijos. It is during the assembly meeting that the proposed intervention for the problem identified is being approved and endorsed by the community for funding.

- **Joint site validation of project.** The activity was conducted prior to the Project Proposal preparation to determine the feasibility of the project. Three members of the Brgy. Representation Team from each barangay joined the group to validate the site for the proposed projects for implementation.
- **Criteria Setting Workshop.** Women are involved in setting the criteria for Project Selection and Prioritization. The CSW is conducted prior to Municipal Inter-Barangay Forum for Participatory Resource Allocation (MIBF-PRA). This was participated in by the Brgy. Representation Teams and Project Preparation Teams. The members formulated criteria for project selection and prioritization
- **Project Development Workshop.** The workshop is participated in by the Project Preparation Teams from the 25 barangays. Project proposals were drafted by the PPTs.

**Using CBMS, GAD is integrated in the sub-project implementation which paved the way in the promotion of women empowerment in reducing poverty level in the barangays.**

- **Project Implementation.** Women are involved in the construction works during the sub- project implementation. Women joined the labor force during the construction of farm to market road , water system , pathway and other sub-projects. They earned the same rate as that of male laborers.
- **Women are hired street sweepers.** Women street sweepers are hired by the LGU on a scheduled basis (7 male and 6 female street sweepers per month). They are given the same economic opportunity to earn a living for their family.
- **Women are developed potential leaders.** Women volunteers are trained leaders. Participation of women in the Community Empowerment Activity Cycle is being encouraged. Women volunteers are selected Chairperson of different committees under the Barangay Sub-Project Management

Committee (BSPMC) structure. Some women volunteers were elected barangay officials (per gender data available in the barangay)

- ***Women are engaged in economic and livelihood programs.*** Torrijos women are engaged in entrepreneurial activities such as loomweaving and bag making.

### **OUTCOME:**

- ***Women voices are heard.***
- ***Involvement of women in decision making and planning process.***
- ***Women in community development programs.***
- ***Women volunteers are selected Chairperson of different committees under the structure of Barangay Sub-Project Management Committee.***
- ***Women volunteers are elected barangay officials.***
- ***Women are engaged in paid labor works at the construction sites.***
- ***Women have access to economic and livelihood programs.***
- ***In LGU development projects, women are hired street sweepers like men.***

### **REALIZATION/LEARNINGS:**

- ***Women engagement in the construction work/paid labor work is an indication that women are not boxed in a situation that they are just merely doing reproductive work at home but also doing productive work. (ang kayang gawin ng lalaki, kaya ring gawin ng babae).***
- ***Stereotyped women are now leaders, decision makers, planners and managers.***

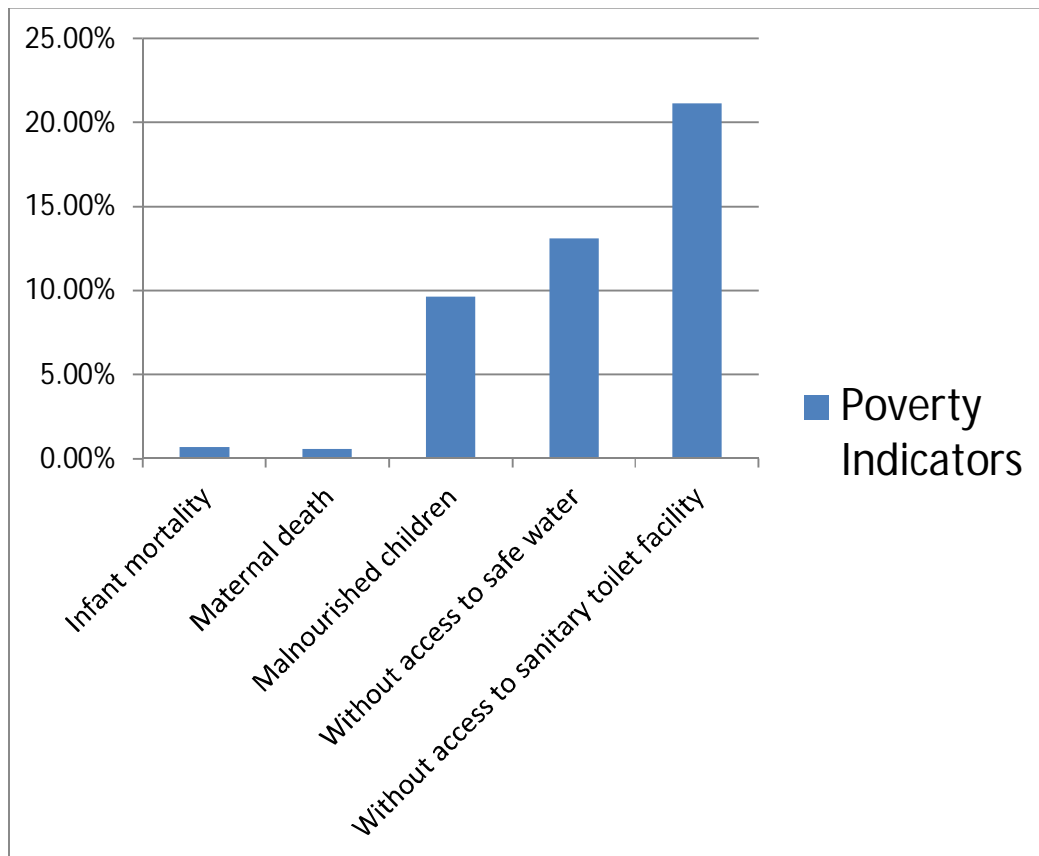
### **CHALLENGES:**

- ***Changing the perception of people that women cannot do productive work, only reproductive role at home and that women are weak, emotional, only subordinate, and can't decide. That women have no potential to become a leader.***

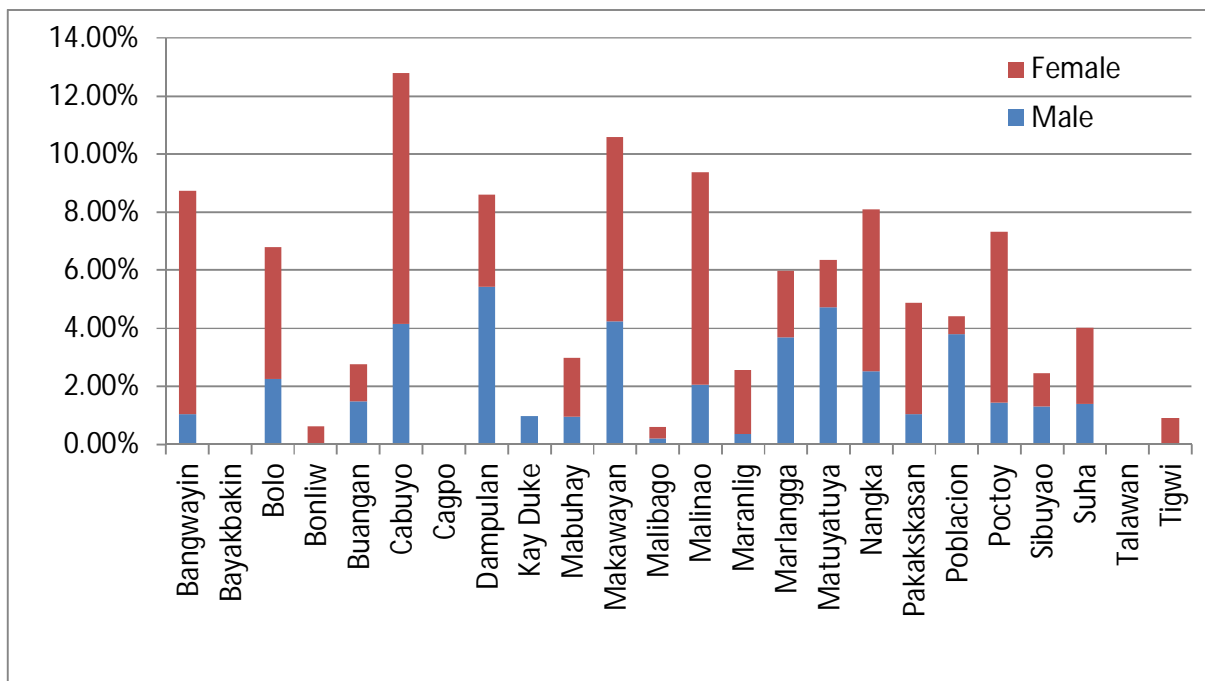
## IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

- **CBMS data are used in the identification of gender-related issues for the utilization of 5% GAD Budget of the MLGU.**
- **CBMS data on health and nutrition and environmental sanitation in particular informed the level of access of women and children to health and sanitation services.**
- **Data on the number of unemployed women and men were used as basis in identifying inequality in terms of employment opportunities.**

## HEALTH AND SANITATION SITUATION:



## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:



## PRIORITY AREAS:

<b>INDICATOR</b>	<b>BARANGAY</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
1. Infant mortality	Malibago	0.89%
2. Maternal Death	Bonliw	9.09%
3. Malnourished Children	Malibago	11.86%
4. Without Access to Safe Water	Talawan	87.39%
5. Without access to sanitary toilet	Talawan	83.78%

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ❖ CBMS survey should be conducted every 3 years instead of 5 years to maintain an updated database and for coming-up with responsive and timely PPAs.
- ❖ LGU should keep CBMS in its budget and personnel allocation.
- ❖ Advocacy or IEC on the use and importance of CBMS in promoting gender equality and women empowerment, and in effectively addressing gender inequality issues and concerns.
- ❖ To consider the CBMS data as a very useful reference in the formulation and design of PPAs to address GAD related issues and in formulating GAD plan and budget towards sustaining women empowerment.

## CBMS DATA, USED IN ADDRESSING GENDER-RELATED ISSUES ON HEALTH.

- CBMS data are used in identifying the gender-related issues on health that affects women and children.
- Gender issues on malnutrition, infant morbidity and mortality, adult morbidity and mortality and maternal mortality were identified.
- ***As Gender Pilot Municipality, Torrijos was awarded Php 3.184 Million Gender Incentive Grant by KALAHI-CIDSS Millenium Challenge Corporation for the project: Improvement of Maternal and Child Care in the Municipality of Torrijos.***
- The project includes purchase of health equipment and apparatus and Capacity Building for GAD Focal persons and Community Health Volunteers.

## Health Equipment and Apparatus Provided under the Gender Incentive Grant:

- ***215 units – BP Apparatus for BHWs***
- ***25 units - Lying-in Beds***
- ***25 units - Glucometer***
- ***25 units - First Aid Kit***
- ***8 units - Electric sterilizer***
- ***8 units - 50 li oxygen therapy set with regulator and gauge***
- ***8 units - spare oxygen tank with therapy set***
- ***175 units - Nebulizer apparatus (7 units/brgy)***

- 215 units - Digital Thermometer for BHW
  - 25 units - Stretcher ( canvass type)
  - 25 units - Detecto weighing scale
  - 31 units - Salter weighing scale for BNS
  - 25 units - Weighing scale for infants
  - 25 units - water dispenser
  - 8 units - wheel chair
- *The provision of health equipment and apparatus to the 25 Barangay Health Centers and 8 Barangay Health Stations promoted the following opportunities for women and children:*
    - ✚ *Improved access of women, children and adults to basic health services.*
    - ✚ *Improved maternal care (pre-natal, child deliveries and post natal care)*
    - ✚ *Monitor weights of malnourished children.*
    - ✚ *Provide immediate basic health intervention to the community.*
    - ✚ *Monitor vulnerable groups in the community.*
    - ✚ *Promote women's rights to health and nutrition.*

### **AWARDS RECEIVED FOR GENDER INTEGRATION IN LGU and KALAHI-CIDSS PROJECTS:**

- ❖ *Most Promising LGU in Gender Mainstreaming Activities*
- ❖ *Gender Pilot Municipality*
- ❖ *LGU with the Most Number of Women employed in the Sub-Project Implementation.*
- ❖ *Awarded Php 3.184 Million Gender Incentive Grant for the Project: Improvement of Maternal and Child Care in the Municipality of Torrijos .*

***“LET’S MAKE CBMS A WAY OF LIFE, A TOOL IN PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, A TOOL TOWARDS GOOD GOVERNANCE, PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT”.***

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