

# Gender Responsive Budgeting in Lao PDR

## **Background**

In 2017, NCAW has restructure by combining NCAW and the National Commission for Mother and Child (NCMC) into one Commission as National Commission for the Advancement of Women and Mother-Child (NCAWMC).

The role and function are:

To assist the government to promote the advancement of women, gender equality , protect women and child rights and strengthened women's capacity;  
To serve as the focal point for monitoring and implementing the policy on gender equality and child rights as well as CEDAW, CRC, BPFA, SDGs....

# The link between planning and budget allocating



## The main achievement on GRB in Laos

- ❖ The first workshop on gender budgeting was organized in 2016 by National Commission for the Advancement of Women (NCAW) in collaboration and support by ESCAP.
- ❖ To introduce the concept of gender budgeting and sharing good practice from various ministries, development partners and others countries in the region.
- ❖ Initial step of Lao PDR to make a commitment on collection and allocation of public resources to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment

## The main achievement on GRB in Laos (con't)

- ❖ NCAWMC formulate the Vision 2030, National Strategies (2016-2025) and Plans of Action on Gender Equality 2016-2020
- ❖ The new revise state budget Law was approved by National Assembly in December 2015 which including gender responsiveness budgeting.

# The Key challenges and Gaps

- ❖ Limited of funding to advocate on mainstreaming gender perspective into sectors
- ❖ Lack of human resources who has responsible for taking the role of advocacy on gender
- ❖ Lack of tools or guidance to mainstream gender, gender statistic and gender analysis
- ❖ Don't have the monitoring and evaluation system to check the progress or gaps of implementing the action plan on gender equality.

## Way forwards

- ❖ NCAWMC will pay more attention of on expanding gender issues into planning processes in NCAWMC network to ensure women and girls will be gain actual benefits.
- ❖ In collaborated between NCAWMC and MoF to orientation for line Ministries and Local Authorities to understand the process of planning allocating budget as well as gender budgeting.
- ❖ Produce the decree or guideline for implementing state budget Law which include the gender responsiveness budgeting
- ❖ Produce M&E Framework to monitor and evaluate the gender equality action plan.
- ❖ Share and gain more experiences from other countries and development partners about GRB as well as gender issues

Thank you