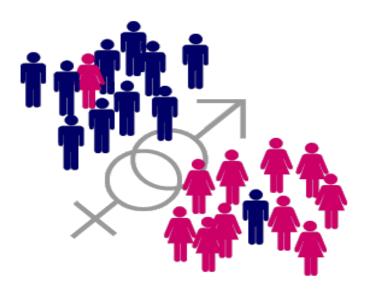


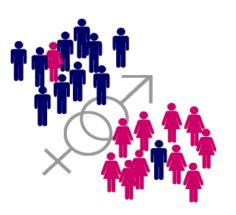
Gender Mainstreaming Concept SCO in the South Caucasus

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Outline of the Presentation

- Brief description of current EDE portfolio
- Cornerstones of SCO's approach to address gender as TT
- Three major phases of Gender Mainstreaming Concept(GMC)
- Implementation of the GMC-Process description and achivements
- Achievements, lessons learnt and recommendations



Brief Description of current EDE portfolio in South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)

- Volume of portfolio: 8 core rural development projects with
 6.3 mill. CHF annual budget
- 3 new projects launched;5 projects went into new phases in 2011
- 8'000 HHs benefitted in 180 communities
- 390 jobs created in agriculture and support services
- Farm productivity increased by appr. 15% due to improved services and capacities
- Incomes in agriculture and support services increased by 3.2 mill. CHF

Cornerstones of SCO's approach to address Gender as TT

- Interactive and equal partnership with implementing agencies
- Acknowledgement of complexity of task and avoiding complications
- Building common understanding of underlining causes of poverty

Three Phases of Gender Mainstreaming Concept

Phase 1.

 Engagement with the implementing partners and mapping gaps and assets

Phase 2.

 Initiating gender analysis and implementation of appropriate corrections

Phase 3.

· Institutionalization and measurement of mainstreaming Strengthening local ownership and capacity

Process Description

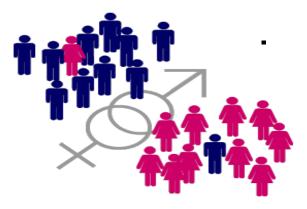
Objective of the Phase 1:

Initiating gender analysis and engendering projects' intervention strategies

Tool: SDC Analytical Framework, SDC Gender Checklist and Toolkit

Achievements:

- ✓ Capacity strengthening of implementing partners
- √ Capacity strengthening key SCO staff
- ✓ Clearly defined gaps and assets
- ✓ Description of the terms of reference to initiate assessment and analysis.



Process Description Three

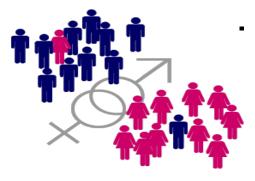
Objective of the Phase 2:

Mapping gender gaps and assets and planning gender analysis/assessments

Tool: SDC Gender Checklist and Toolkit

Achievements:

- ✓ Gender Analysis conducted in all EDE projects
- ✓Intervention strategies of 5 projects are engendered
- ✓ Project fiduciary funds assigned for implementation of gender specific actions
- ✓ Description of the terms of reference to initiate assessment and analysis.



Process Description

Objective of the Phase 3:

Institutionalization and measurement of mainstreaming and strengthening local ownership and capacity

Tool: SDC Gender Checklist and Toolkit

Achievements:

- ✓ Gender as TT _ reporting checklist for the projects
- √ Gender as TT in PCM
- ✓ Gender in Job descriptions as competency and Gender objectives in

MAP process

Lessons learnt and recommendations:

- Capacity and receptiveness of implementing agency is crucial for successful mainstreaming gender equality principles
- M4P approach provides appropriate framework and space for mainstreaming gender equality principles.
- It is important to use gender through (i) M4P diagnostic process and (ii) defining sustainable outcomes (sustainability vision).

