

Chapter 3

Draft exchange program

1. Outline of the draft exchange program

The agenda for the “Asia-Pacific and African women’s exchange program – Toward the eradication of gender-based violence” scheduled to take place in 2021 has been drafted based on the current situation of GBV and challenges faced by each country described in the previous chapters. How and when the exchange program will be held, including an online meeting, will be discussed in the coming Japanese fiscal year considering the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and the border control measures of each country.

(1) Topics of discussion

The following summarizes the three main topics of discussion for the exchange program, based on the information obtained from the basic information survey and needs survey, as well as online information sharing/opinion exchange meetings.

- ① <Policy/system> To establish a better institutional framework and recognize the roles and responsibilities of the public and private sectors.
- ② <Coordination/referral system> To understand the roles of each actor and coordination mechanism so that they can apply new methods.
- ③ <Provision of victim-centered comprehensive care services> To understand the victim-centered approaches for the livelihood restoration of victims.
 - The challenges of social and cultural norms will be discussed as a cross-sectoral issue throughout the program as they pertain to all the three topics.

(2) Exchange program format

The program includes lectures, site visits, discussions (including group exercise), and presentations (including symposium and reporting session).

(3) Date and venue

The program will take place for 16 days (excluding departure and arrival days to Japan) and will be held in Japan (TBD).

(4) Participants (from nine countries)

Two people (One government official and one staff member of a supporting organization) will be selected from each of the following countries.

- Africa: Namibia, Sierra Leone (English-speaking countries)
DRC, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Mali (French-speaking countries)
- Asia-Pacific: Australia, Philippines (English-speaking countries)
- Japan

(5) Structure of the draft exchange program and program objectives

The following are the objectives of each section of the program:

<Draft schedule of the “Asia-Pacific and African women’s exchange program - Toward the eradication of Gender-Based Violence”>

Here is the draft schedule of the exchange program in 2021.

Day	Program	Objectives
1	Program orientation	To share the flow of the exchange program, logistics and expectations and challenges. To understand the outline of each organization to visit and key learning points.
	● Lecture Japanese Government’s policy on gender equality and GBV framework	To understand the outline of Japanese Government’s policy on gender equality and GBV response framework (including GBV-related system and subsidy system).
	● Lecture ■ Discussion Global trend on GBV measures	To understand the global trend on GBV measures and Japan’s initiatives on GBV through Official Development Assistance.
2	● Lecture Current status of Japan’s gender equality and local government’s measures on GBV	To understand local government’s measures on GBV based on Japanese government’s gender equality policy.
	● Lecture Japan’s laws and system on GBV	To understand Japan’s laws and system on GBV and its challenges.
	■ Discussion/presentation Challenges faced by participants’ country in terms of GBV laws/framework	Divide into each country to share challenges they face. To share knowledge and experiences of each country.
3	▲ Site visit Local government’s referral system	To understand the services provided to GBV victims by government agencies, coordination with other agencies and referral system.
	▲ Site visit Coordination among supporting organizations and local government (measures of one-stop centers)	To understand the roles and function of one-stop centers.
4	▲ Site visit Local government’s referral system	To understand the role of government agencies in charge of providing victim protection and crackdown on GBV.
	■ Discussion (reflection 1) Exploring a better GBV measures/system and referral system	To share and promote learning among the participants.
5	▲ Site visit Local government’s measures on GBV	To understand the functions of Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Centers operated by local governments (consultation, information dissemination, advocacy).
	▲ Site visit Learning from the initiatives of supporting organization 1 (supporting organization’s initiatives)	To understand the current situation of GBV victims and young girls (teens). To understand the measures targeting young girls. To understand the operating system of an NGO such as human resources and fund management.
6	▲ Site visit Learning from the initiatives of supporting organization 2 (NPO’s initiatives)	To learn about comprehensive care services that include consultation to female and child victims of sexual violence/DV, protection and social reintegration. To understand NGO’s human resources and fund management.
	▲ Site visit Workshop/exchange of opinions with NPO staff	Conduct a workshop to experience what it means to provide support by being considerate to the feelings of victims and children.
7	■ Discussion (reflection 2) Discussion based on a selected theme	To summarize what the participants have learned thus far. To deepen their understanding through presenting their ideas.

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8	● Lecture Local government's referral system (measures of one-stop centers)	To understand what an accessible referral system is for victims (coordination with clinic, the police, child consultation center, lawyer, and supporting organizations).
	● Lecture Learning from the initiatives of supporting organization 3	To learn the current status of GBV in Japan and the place of men. To learn how to involve men in solving the problem of GBV and examples of bystander intervention.
	Exchange of opinions with the staff	
9	▲ Site visit Learning from the initiatives of supporting organization 4 (NPO's initiatives)	To learn about comprehensive care services that include consultation, emergency protection, and livelihood restoration. To learn about support to women in need such as GBV victims and single mothers.
	Exchange of opinions with the staff	
10	■ Discussion (reflection 3) Summary	To summarize what the participants have learned during this exchange program, by country. To present findings and lessons learned that can be used in participants' country.
	Preparation for the symposium on Day 11	
11	Public symposium	To share and learn GBV measures in each country. To deepen learning through panel discussions (including Japan).
	Networking	To establish networks among participants as well as with the organizations they have visited during the program.
12	Reporting session	To present lessons learned during this exchange program and make a statement of commitment to eliminate GBV.

Note: The marks indicate the following: ●= Lecture; ■= Discussion; ▲= Site visit