


Fund for Gender Equality

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Project Information				Philippines
Project Name	Women in the Informal Economy Advocating for Right-Based Policies amidst Crises			Programme Type: Catalytic
Lead Org	Homenet Southeast Asia			Grant ID: 63
Co-lead Org				
Thematic Area(s)	Economic Empowerment			
Thematic Sub Area(s)	Decrease Insecure Employment			
Grant Amount	\$100,000	Grant Start Date	December 18, 2009	
Additional Gov't Funding		Grant End Date	December 31, 2011	
Total Budget	\$100,000			

Partner Agencies	
Government	
Civil Society	

Programme Summary
The programme works to advance the advocacy initiatives of women home-based workers and other informal workers, whose livelihoods are increasingly threatened by the changing global employment system, economic and financial crises, and devastating disasters caused by global warming.

DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION				
Contribution to Law(s)				
Name of Law	Law Type	Year Implemented	Type of Contribution	Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low)
Law for the protection of the rights of informal workers	Law and Policy		Creation	High
Magna Carta of Women	Law (rules and regulations)	2010	Implementation	High
Decent Work Agenda	Policy		Implementation	High

General Programme Goal
Within six years, home-based and informal workers' organizations under the Homeworkers Network (Homenet) - Philippines and the Magna Carta for the Informal Sector Alliance (MAGCAISA) are enabled to advance rights-based and gender-responsive policies covering informal workers, including the Magna Carta for Workers in Informal Economy (MACWIE), ILO Convention 177 and social protection.

Expected Programme Outcomes
Outcome 1: Within the project period, candidates and/or elected officials of local government units and members of both Houses of Congress sign covenants of commitments in support of the workplace, social protection issues and concerns of the home-based and informal workers. .
Outcome 2: Increase number of sponsors and co-sponsors by members of both Houses of the 15th Congress for the passage of the improved MACWIE bill within the project period.
Outcome 3: Intensif campaign aimed towards the Phillipine Senate for the ratification of the ILO C177 on Home Work by the end of the project period .

Main Achievements

After one year of implementation, the programme has succeeded in:

- Refining the Magna Carta for Workers in the Informal Economy, and has submitted a draft version to the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- Drafting a People's Social Protection Agenda, which has been validated by a range of key partners and presented to both Houses of Congress (The People Social Protection Agenda includes issues such as Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Occupational Safety and Health, and a Filipino version has been published).
- Drafting an action plan for the campaign for the ratification of the ILO Convention 177. The lead organization has used the National Tripartite Advisory Council as a platform to renew interest in the ILO Convention 177 and has held a series of consultative meetings to draft a regional action plan in support of its adoption.

Main strategies of this programme have been:

- Fostering exchange among local politicians and informal workers to identify key issues in the informal work agenda and to obtain politicians' commitment to include these issues in their agendas.
- Developing communication tools and materials in support of its wide-ranging advocacy efforts, including the publication of Homenet's agenda as a guide for partners and the use of web and video as communication media for dissemination and outreach.

Key Highlights

The potential impact of this initiative is high, taking into account that in one year the programme has made significant advances on an informal work agenda in the Philippines through the creation and adoption of key pieces of legislation.