



General Assembly of the Southeast Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC)

**Presentation on Gender, Culture, and Corruption
Is corruption a culture and sexist? How gender alters
corrupt behavior?**

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The Nexus of Gender, Culture and Corruption



➤ **Corruption remained an issue to the fringe of international development.**

➤ suffering impacts of corruption endured by the women, minorities and disadvantage people.

➤ Build public accountability and governance systems that is responsive to women's needs.

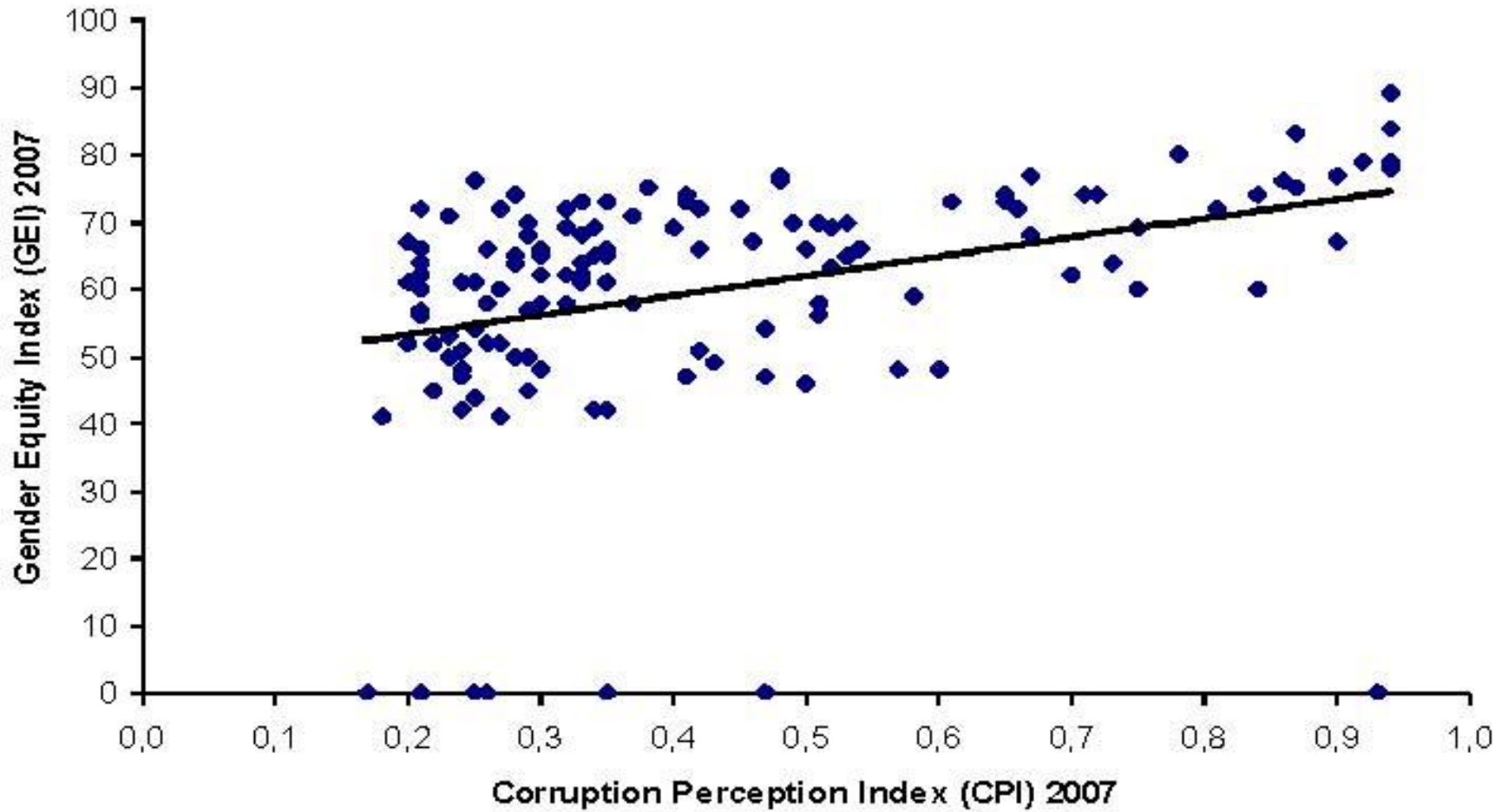




Can we reduce corruption by promoting gender equality?



- Some early studies suggest that women are less corrupt than men; therefore the increasing number of women in politics and public sector will decrease corruption.
- A study from (GTZ) has shown that low level of corruption are associated with greater gender equality, and vice versa.





➤ ***Power tends to corrupt, absolute power corrupt absolutely***”, eradicating corruption should be started from the central power of government.

➤ Indonesia has ratified (UNCAC) by adopting Law No.7 year 2006. Indonesian government has issued Presidential Decree No.55 year 2012 regarding the National Strategy and Action Plans on Corruption Eradication.

➤ Preventive strategy: implement anti-corruption curriculum, instill the value of good morals, and start from the smallest society (family).





The Role of Parliament to Combat Corruption

- Parliaments have a critical role to play in fighting against corruption through: law-making, oversight and representation.
- Reinforce mechanisms within parliament for bringing government accountable and transparent.
- Promote the participation of civil society through public awareness campaigns.





The Role of Women in Eradicating Corruption

- Corruption has particularly damaging effect on women because women make up the majority of the poor.
- **Public would like to see more women in parliaments and executive branch.**
- Women have distinct impact on public policy because they are able to bring different perspective and highlighting the issues which remained underrepresented in a male dominated policy making environment.





- A study of 150 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia by the World Bank showed that women are more trustworthy and less prone to corruption.
- Women and men have different relation on the corruption regarding their different risk-taking behavior.
- Women's nurture as care givers in family implies that women would less likely sacrifice their welfare of the public for material gains.





Strategies to empower women participation

1. Understanding the role of women in corruption or assessing its impact needs to be examined with close attention to the socio economic and cultural norms that shape how women live their lives.
2. Involve women in the public policy making of corruption eradication; diminish the barriers of real decision-making power; both in its gender and in broader institutional-political dimension.
3. The process of curbing corruption should be followed by undertaking the legislative procedures intended to protect women and children and to uphold their freedom of action and choice



Prerequisites Program to Combat Corruption

First, strengthening the role of Supreme Audit Institutions to improve provision mechanism, and create a climate of good governance.

Second, accommodate gender mainstreaming policy to make them perform independently in their socio-economic and political life.

Third, promote the adoption of clearly worded codes of conduct which specify what forms of behavior are acceptable, what forms of behavior are not acceptable, and what sanctions will be adopted to punish violations of the code.

Fourth, intensify networks among parliamentarians such as in SEAPAC to improve coordinated policy approach and cooperation.



Conclusion

- Women should involve more in political life, there should be no limitations, in any kinds, for women to have leadership position.
- All stakeholders must recognize the need of involving women in decision making process and corruption eradication program.





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