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Addressing Gender Impacts of Corruption

Women in Law Enforcement and Anti-Corruption Agencies

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The issue

Marginalized women may be at risk of sexual bribery

- Research on military widows who faced various, often multiple, instances of sexual bribery and other forms of sexual exploitation
- Key findings:
 1. Military personnel and policemen are perceiving **widows and single women as particularly vulnerable**, malleable and open to sexual predation.
 2. Of the 16 cases of sexual bribery that were mentioned by the interviewees, only 2 widows had lodged complaints
 3. Key reasons why women did not lodge complaints were **fear of reprisals** from the military and government officers and **fear of social stigma** and losing honor and respect
 4. The fact that **none of the complaints were taken seriously** nor the perpetrators punished resulted in further disillusionment for the 2 widows who had lodged complaints



When gender, corruption and COVID-19 collide

- “COVID-19 gave rise to new, gender-specific protection concerns, linked with militarization, checkpoints and border closures, which restricted the operating space for women’s organizations; sexual harassment of women healthcare workers and women in isolation and treatment centres; as well as sexual violence against women detained for alleged curfew violations”

1. More research is needed

SEXTORTION RATES

Percentage of citizens who experience sextortion or know someone who has.³⁵



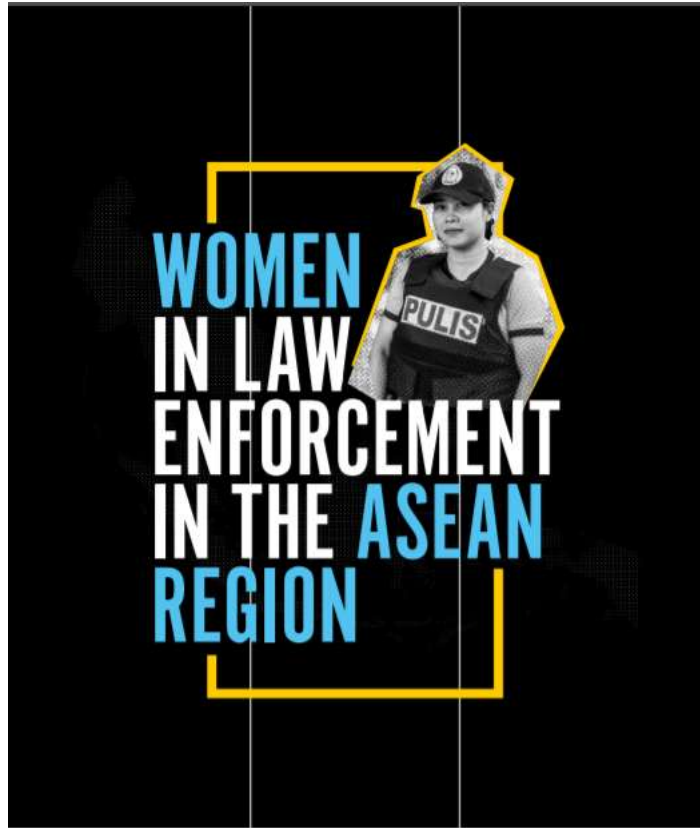
- **Corruption that takes the form of sexual extortion:** Corruption's impact on women may be greater than men's when the currency of bribes is in the form of sexual favors





What can we do?

Increasing the number of women in law enforcement



PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE OFFICERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE ASEAN REGION

(REFER TO ENDNOTES FOR MORE INFORMATION AND FOR DATA SOURCES.)

FIGURE 6

POLICE OFFICERS IN BRUNEI, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female



FIGURE 7

POLICE OFFICERS IN CAMBODIA, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female



FIGURE 8

POLICE OFFICERS IN INDONESIA, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female



FIGURE 9

POLICE OFFICERS IN LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female

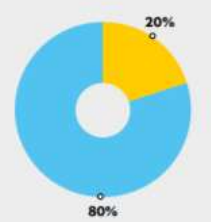


FIGURE 10

POLICE OFFICERS IN MALAYSIA, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female

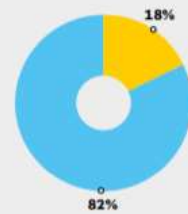


FIGURE 11

POLICE OFFICERS IN MYANMAR, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female

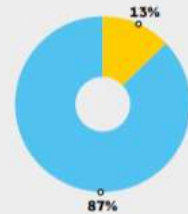


FIGURE 12

POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PHILIPPINES, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female

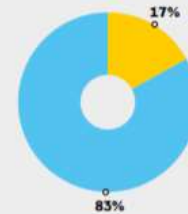


FIGURE 13

POLICE OFFICERS IN SINGAPORE, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female

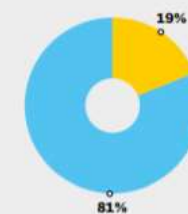


FIGURE 14

COMMISSIONED POLICE OFFICERS IN THAILAND, BY SEX, 2019

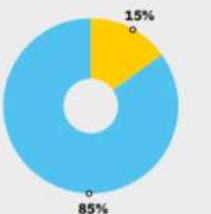
Male
Female



FIGURE 15

PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICERS IN VIET NAM, BY SEX, 2019

Male
Female



Maintaining ethical standards



THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT WOMEN AND CHILDREN DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, INCLUDING COVID-19



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COVID-19 ကဲ့သို့သော လူထုကျန်းမာရေးကပ်ကာလအတွင်း အမျိုးသမီးနှင့် ကလေးသူငယ်များ အကာအကွယ်ပေးခြင်းသည် တရားဥပဒေ စိုးမိုးရေးအတွက် ဦးစားပေး ကိစ္စရပ်ဖြစ်သည်။

Maintaining Ethical Standards

- Sexual activity between officers and persons under the age of 18 is not permitted.
- Exchange of money, goods, benefits or services for sex, or other forms of discriminatory, humiliating, degrading or exploitative behaviour, is prohibited.
- Body searches, including temperature checks, of women or girls shall be done by female officers and conducted in a respectful manner.

ကျင့်ဝတ်ဆိုင်ရာစံနှုန်းများထိန်းသိမ်းခြင်း

- ဥပဒေရေးရာ တားဆီးနှိမ်နင်းရေးဝန်ထမ်းများနှင့် အသက် ၁၈ နှစ်အောက်များအကြား လိင်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာ အပြုအမူများ မပြုလုပ်ရပါ။
- လိင်ကိစ္စအလို့ငှာ ငွေကြေး၊ ပစ္စည်း၊ အကျိုးအမြတ် သို့မဟုတ် ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများ ဖလှယ်ခြင်း၊ သို့မဟုတ် အခြားသောခွဲခြားဆက်ဆံခြင်း၊ အရှက်ရစေခြင်း၊ သိက္ခာကျစေခြင်း သို့မဟုတ် ခေါင်းပုံဖြတ်ခြင်းတို့ကို တားမြစ်သည်။
- အမျိုးသမီး သို့မဟုတ် အမျိုးသမီးငယ်များအား ကိုယ်အမူချိန်တိုင်းတာခြင်းအပါအဝင် ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ရှာဖွေခြင်းကို အမျိုးသမီးအရာရှိများက လေးစားသမှုဖြင့် ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည်။



Increasing the number of women in anti-corruption Agencies, providing toll free line and legal support



2. Break the taboo



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- Raise awareness on sexual bribery. Over 1.7 million in Sri Lanka (UN Women/UNDP Project)



*Everyone, everywhere,
stand against sexual bribery!*