



DOF and NTRC successfully concluded two gender statistics workshops for the finance sector in 2024, promoting inclusive growth



The Department of Finance (DOF) Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (GFPS), through the National Tax Research Center (NTRC) GFPS, successfully concluded two Gender Statistics Training Workshops for the finance sector in August and November 2024 as part of its continuing commitment towards gender equality and empowerment.

The Workshops focused on essential topics in the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) framework, the tax contributions of women engaged in business, and strategies for women financial inclusion in the Philippines.

The DOF-GFPS and its attached agencies, bureaus, and supervised government-owned and -controlled corporations actively engaged in the presentations of their respective current data profiles, which served as critical bases for identifying gender gaps across the finance sector.

One of the Workshop's key components was an in-depth exploration of statistical methods for identifying gender gaps. Participants gained practical skills in analyzing gender-related data which can be used to come up with more equitable policy decisions within the finance sector.

In addition to the discussions, participants visited the local GAD learning hubs of the City Government of Iloilo and Davao, along with other sites that showcase successful local initiatives promoting gender equality and offering best practices of financial inclusion models.

"The success of this event marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to promote gender equality and financial inclusivity in the finance sector," said Director Alvin P. Diaz, DOF-GFPS Executive Committee member.

"While we recognize that this journey will be long, we are confident that we are in the right direction. Achieving our goals requires a collective effort, and we are grateful for everyone's active participation and support," Director Diaz added.

Director Diaz also announced that Phase III of the Gender Statistics Training Workshop is scheduled for the first quarter of 2025. The next phase will focus on database development, sex-disaggregated data assessment, and reporting—key steps toward building a robust foundation for gender-responsive financial policies.

The Workshops were attended by representatives from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF), Bureau of the Treasury (BTr), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Insurance Commission (IC), Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Philippine Guarantee Corporation (Philguarantee), Privatization and Management Office (PMO), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Social Security System (SSS), and the GAD divisions of the City Governments of Iloilo and Davao.