Gender Equality AND Education in Vietnam

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History of issues

- Vietnam have tradition respect women
- Confucianism ideas imported and follow patriarchy system
- Communism and ideas of liberation nation, class, women
- The policies on Gender Equality in Vietnam
Gender issues today

- Getting Beijing Platform, CEDAW
Gender issues today

- Vietnam’s gender development index (GDI) ranks at 94th out of 155 countries.
- Over the last 15 years, Vietnam always has had a women Vice President of the State.
Gender issues today

- In the National Assembly, women account for 26.2% in legislative 2002-2007 and 25.76% in 2007-2011 and as present under 25% (a leading country in Asian – Pacific Region on highest women percentage in Parliament).

- In elected bodies at the local level women’s representation are: 23.8% in the Provincial People’s Council; District: 23.2%; Commune People’s Committee: 20.1%
Women in Education

- Statistics show that the percentage of women graduated from university is 36.24%, 33.95% masters degree, 25.69% doctorate. Women dominate education and health.

- In the professional work, women occupy the majority in the fields of literature, language, medicine, social sciences, natural sciences and economics.
Young women in Ethnic Minority go to school
Women in Education

- Women have more opportunities to learn and promote their strengths in the field of education. Even today, education is considered to be the most appropriate area for women. In the college, female teachers, female students occupy the overwhelming number.
Women in Education

- In the academic year 2013 - 2014, there are 11,498 women who are illiterate, of which 7,766 are women of ethnic minorities.
- The percentage of female workers in the education sector is high, especially at lower levels of education.
- Female PhD students are 2,671 / 9,467 (28.2%), female masters are 16,016 / 34,283 (46.7%)
Women in Work

- Of the total number of employees involved in each economic sector, 53% are female intellectuals working in the non-state sector, 32% work in the collective sector and 43% work in the State sector.

- Vietnamese intellectuals are now facing serious conflicts: The number of working women increased by 10% but family responsibilities were still
Women in Work

- largely on the women's shoulders. Only 2-4% of men do housework. The average working time of women is 1.17 times higher than that of men.
- The study also found that women of childbearing age usually took 10 years to raise a child, thus losing 10 years of promotion and professional development.
Women in work
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Challenges:

- The burden of family responsibilities of Women so they do not have enough time for learning
- Women migration
- The victims of violence against women and trafficking in women
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- The inequality policy on retire: men 60 and women 55. This means women don’t have the opportunity to learning and to promoting when they are 50 years old, especially women working in the education field.

- Women are majority in education but they occupy a few positions in the leadership.
Government, NGOs, UN, International Organizations working for gender equality
Thank You