Strategies of the local to influence the global

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Strategies for Organizing to Influence, Monitor and Track Climate Finance (from Global to Local)

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Aspects for consideration in building strategies

1. Expected change of a particular condition
   - define the overall and/or particular objectives, as well as relevant targets of decision making
   - change of paradigm
   - new policy, policy changes
   - project cancelation
   - project remedies, livelihood restoration

2. Define strategies
   - policy intervention to decision makers
   - litigation: national and/or international court
   - campaign – media, public
   - direct actions, mobilization, organizing
   - civil disobedient
   - solidarity building, networking

3. Supporting work
   - popular political education
   - research, feminist participatory action research (FPAR), investigation, fact finding, field visit
   - policy analysis
   - data base, documentation
   - outreach, networking
Advocacy strategies

1) combine strategies as many as possible and define overall and specific targets of each strategy

- Policy intervention
- Campaign
- Direct actions
- People’s organizing and mobilizing
- Networking
2) Evidence based, and be honest or correct in using data/information (no manipulation)

A concern letter of Mekong Watch to ADB and World Bank after a field visit in 2008 to Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project in Laos

We can’t sleep anymore in the nights because of the noise. We complained to the company, no response!

A woman complained to CNN Indonesia about the operation of geothermal power plant financed by ADB

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzg9oA8qA84
3) Use the human and women’s stories

Om Cha .. or grandma Cha.. involuntary displaced by Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) funded Highway One Project in Cambodia in year 2000. Cash compensation came after 4 years. She had to live in a barn together with cows and chicken due to lack of money; died in 2007 in misery and sickness while waiting for her additional compensation of USD 200…

A woman from the site of Maemo Coal Power Plant in Thailand funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB), submitted 400 death certificates of her fellow villagers due to pollution from the plant to ADB’s President during ADB Annual Governor Meeting in Tokyo in 2007.

A session at COP 21 in Paris facilitated on Experiences from grassroots: Why we need Gender Responsive Climate Finance

A meeting with the Indonesian Alternate Director to GCF during the GCF Board meeting February 2014 in Bali
Advocacy towards the planned Regional Road Development Project Indonesia by Solidaritas Perempuan and NGO Forum on ADB in 2011-2013

- Modality: Multitranche Financing Facility (MFF) - US$ 500 million
- Technical Assistance: US$ 1.3 million
- A road project throughout 6 provinces in Kalimantan and Java island

Project document monitoring, political education, field visit, data collection, networking

People’s organizing, mobilizing and direct actions

Policy interventions: letters, meetings with related Indonesian government officials, ADB project management, ADB Board of Directors, ADB Accountability Mechanism; also attended public and community consultations
Notes:
- MFF Modality: ADB Board only approves the 1st trance of the project proposal, the remaining trances by the management; higher risk usually presented at the second trance onwards; no Board supervision on the trances
- OCR: ADB Board approves and supervise the whole project proposal
- Indonesian CSOs concerns: lack of information to affected communities on the project and its risks; lack of meaningful consultation with affected communities; incorrect categorization of risk; potential double financed and corruption particularly for the roads in Java that was already financed by the World Bank.
Take Aways

• This is a continuing work to for climate and gender justice

• We have access to decision making but not the control over it

• Appreciate achievements of ‘small battles’ whilst keep the overview on the ‘war’

• Have a faith to people’s power

Sunrise between Merapi and Merbabu volcano complex in Central Java taken from the ancient Borobudur temple

Thank you for listening!