

Gender Theatre

Deconstructing and Reconstructing Social Norms
in China

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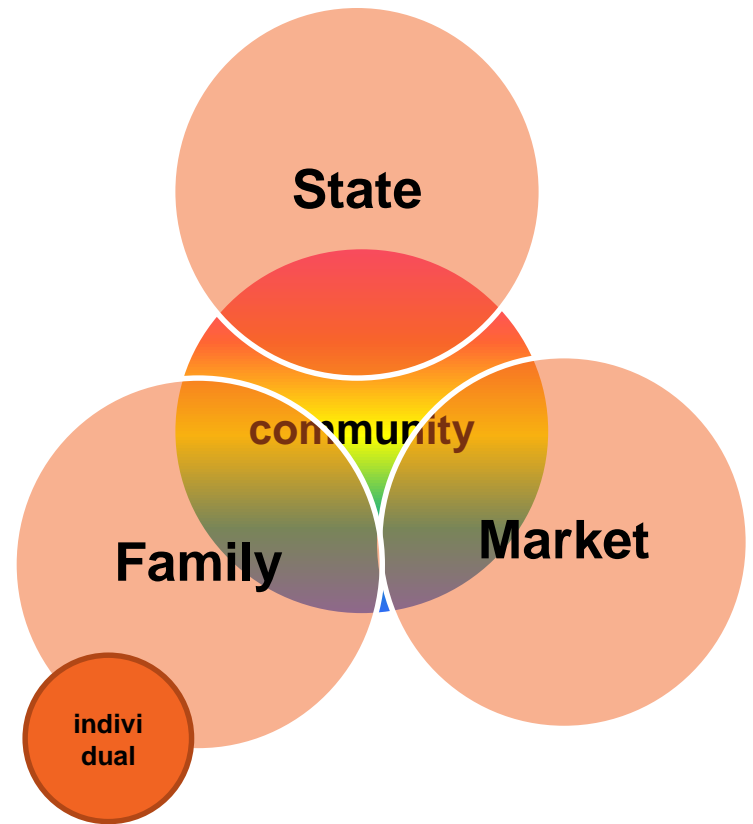
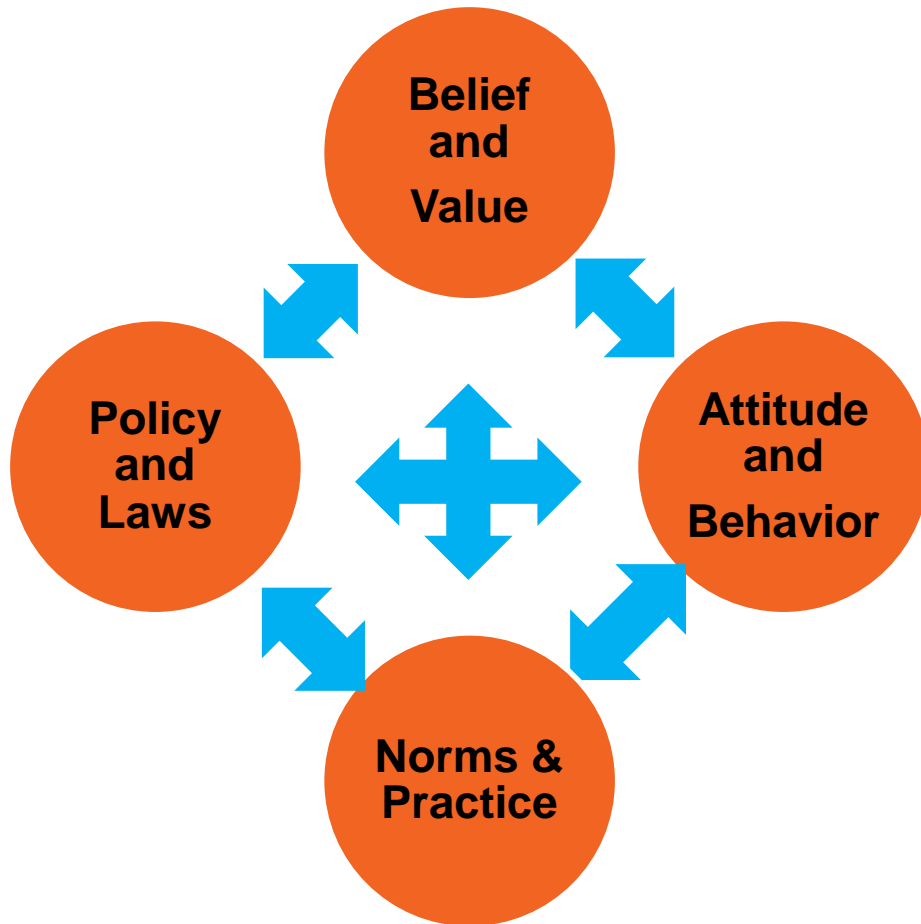
Prevalence of Gender-based violence

- Domestic violence
- Sexual violence
- Girls/Women Trafficking
- Sexual harassment at workplace / schools
- Prenatal Sex selection
- Marginalization / discrimination of SOGI
- Acceptance and silence to gender-based violence

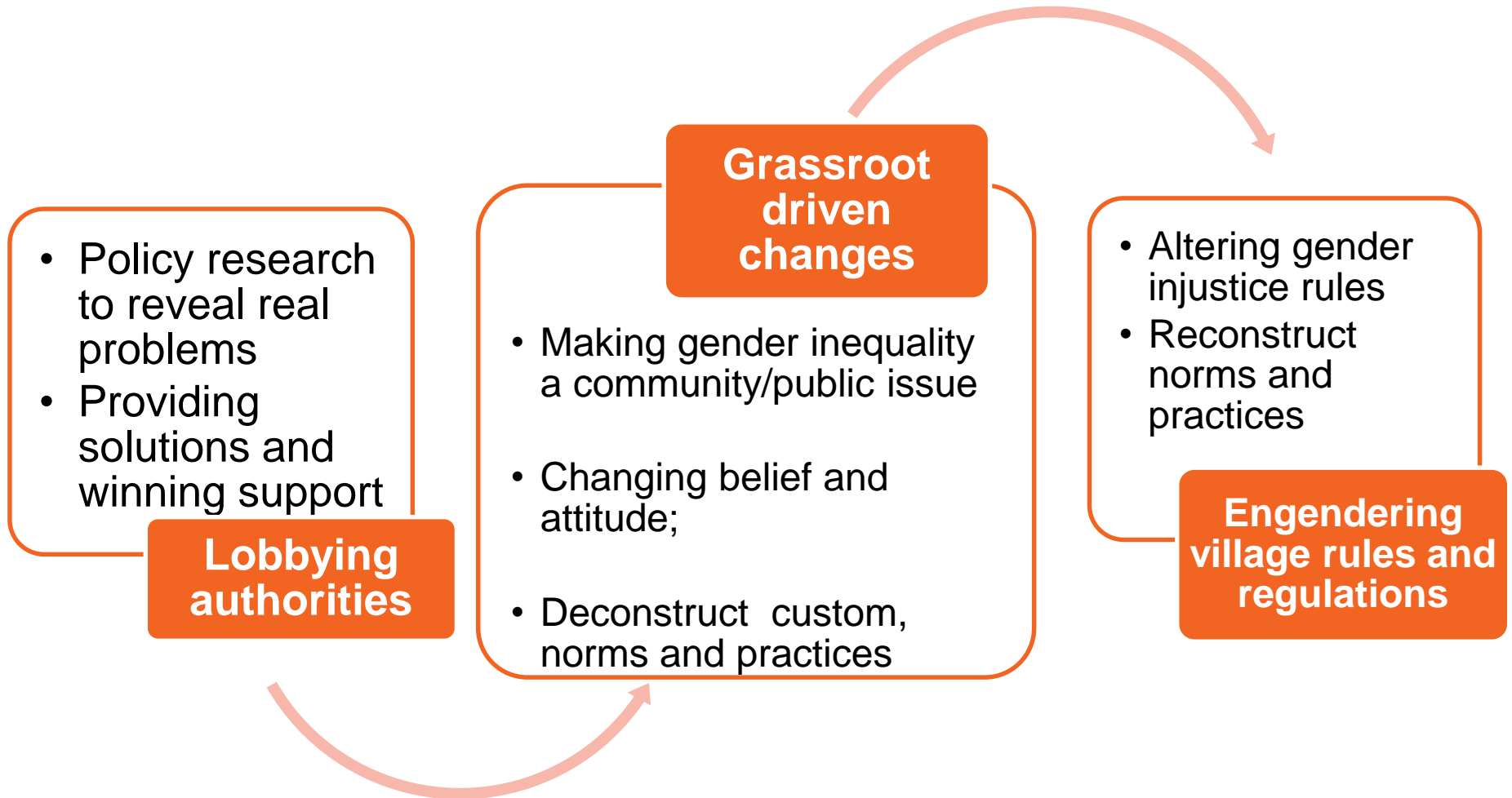
**gender-based violence is deeply rooted
in institutions and culture**



Dimensions of Change



Theory of change – Boy preference



Gender Theatre – platform for changes

script

- Collecting stories, thoughts and experiences
- Listen to unheard stories

show

- Empowerment process : voice out, reflect, action for change
- Making gender issue public
- Challenging and deconstruct conventional beliefs and custom

action

- reconstruct social norms and rules
- Disseminate messages



Why Gender Theatre?

- empowering women (people) of the oppressed / participants
- easily integrate with local communities
- easy to understand, touch people's hearts and have resonance
- deconstruct and analysis gender issues
- challenge conventional beliefs and practices
- create space and platform for public discussion
- facilitate change happen and reconstruct norms



Wider Applications

- Vagina Monologues in China –various versions in a decade



- forum theatres for migrant communities

- documentaries and films
- flash mob , public dance and so on





Thank You

Stories of Mothers and Daughters



Stories of Mother and Daughters 2



Changing social practices

Women's status in Wedding and Funeral



Burial of baby girls' placenta



Amending Village Rules and Regulations

玉柴控股推出“大阳大”

玉柴控股推出“大阳大”品牌，旨在提升品牌形象，增强市场竞争力。该品牌涵盖了多种型号的柴油发动机，广泛应用于农业机械、工程机械等领域。玉柴控股表示，将不断加大研发投入，提升产品质量，为客户提供更优质的产品和服务。

从“男选媳妇”到“女选婿”

随着社会观念的转变，越来越多的女性开始主动选择自己的另一半。这种变化反映了女性在经济和社会地位上的提升，以及她们对婚姻自主权的追求。专家指出，这种趋势有助于推动性别平等，实现社会的和谐发展。

将性别平等写入村民公约 河南周山村妇女赋权迈出第一步



“我们村以前没有村民公约，现在有了，还把性别平等写进去了，这是村里的大事。”周山村一位妇女高兴地说。这是河南省周山村在推进农村基层民主自治、实现村民自我管理、自我教育、自我服务方面迈出的重要一步。

周山村位于河南省某县，是一个典型的农业村。长期以来，村里的各项事务主要由男性主导，女性在村务决策中参与度较低。为了改变这一现状，村里的干部和妇女代表们经过多次协商，最终决定将性别平等写入新的村民公约。

新修订的村民公约明确规定了男女平等的原则，要求在村务决策、资源分配等方面充分考虑女性的利益。这一举措得到了广大村民的支持，特别是妇女们的积极响应。她们表示，这不仅是她们自身权益的保障，也是村里实现和谐发展的基础。

周山村妇联负责人表示，下一步将继续加大宣传力度，提高村民的法治意识和民主意识，推动村里的各项事业健康发展，实现乡村振兴和共同富裕的目标。

提高改变





通过一系列举措，村里的面貌焕然一新。村民们的生活得到了显著改善，村里的各项事业也取得了长足进步。村民们对未来的发展充满了信心和期待。

