

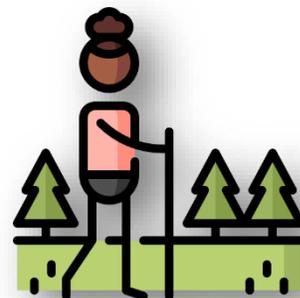
Gender Integration in Agroforestry

Introduction

- ✓ Women play a significant role in the agricultural labor force, agricultural activity (food cycle) and farm-related activities.
- ✓ Women contribute tremendously agricultural and rural economies in all developing countries.
- ✓ Women produce 60-80% of food.

Women and Agriculture

- ✓ Women role in agriculture vary from country to country.
- ✓ Data shows agriculture and manufacturing services have been the most important source of income in the agricultural sector in South Asia, East Asia, North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa.
- ✓ Women in Central, South Eastern Europe and Latin America are concentrated in the service sector. They highlighted that service and/or agriculture are important to them.
- ✓ In Costa Rica 1 285 446 people work in farms and 20% are women.
- ✓ In Nicaragua, women's employment in the dairy sector is 22%.
- ✓ In Central American countries women's activities occur near the home.
- ✓ Women carry out post-production activities such as product management, cleaning, hygiene and handling of family resources etc.



Women and Agroforestry

- ✓ Women are often defender and restorers of the forest's ecosystem because they see forest products for home purposes while men only see forest products for commercial sale
- ✓ Women are often involved in non-timber forest products and it is usually only women who get involved in AF chores and decisions (bamboo, brushwood, trees for honey production, medicinal plant etc.).
- ✓ Women and land tenure are vital for the management of resources.
- ✓ However, women's participation and decision-making are crucial to these products (both agriculture and forestry) and development because women are more knowledgeable on what is needed.
- ✓ For example: which trees are suitable and who will use the final product.
- ✓ Women are important in the forestry components of AF production. However, they are often ignored. This is because of beliefs and traditions about their participation in these types of production.

Women and Land Tenure: Colombia

- ✓ The Colombian Government introduced progressive law that protects the right of women through The Rural Poverty Formalization (FPR) allowing joint title for land tenure; this with the objective to promote gender equity and promote legal security in land rights and also promote sustainable agricultural development for stimulation of investment and market.

Women's participation in communal forest in Nicaragua

- ✓ Women in indigenous territories participate more in product sales and have some control over incomes.
- ✓ Women face significant obstacles to effective participation in forest decision-making in the community.
- ✓ Improving meaningful participation of women in decision-making requires addressing challenges and obstacles at multiple levels including communal levels.

Women Farmers in Belize

- ✓ The role and contribution of women in agriculture in Belize. However, there are few studies that have been conducted.
- ✓ Female farmers in Belize experience many barriers to producing food for their families and communities due to various factors such as lack of resources, high financial loans, lack of access to markets, high educational fees etc.

