



## TRAINING MATERIAL FOR GENDER AND CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Meeting the demand for food as the climate changes represents a great global challenge. To meet this challenge, agriculture must become 'climate-smart'.

### CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE:

- contributes to climate change adaptation by sustainably increasing productivity and resilience;
- mitigates climate change by reducing and removing greenhouse gases; and
- enhances the achievement of national food security and development goals.

Both women and men play a significant role in safeguarding food security, and their respective roles and responsibilities need to be well understood to ensure that men and women benefit equally from climate-smart agriculture practices.

Little research, however, has been undertaken to understand how men and women are adapting to climate change, mitigating emissions and maintaining food security.

As one of many steps toward addressing this gap, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations and CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) have developed a training manual: "Gender and Climate Change Issues in Agriculture and Food Security Research and Rural Development".

Although women are important food producers and providers, they presently have limited access to and control of resources. Addressing this issue could reduce hunger and poverty; in fact, it is estimated that more than 100 million people could be lifted out of poverty if women had the same access to and control of resources as men (FAO, SOFA, 2011)

## THE TRAINING MANUAL

- provides a clear understanding of the concepts related to gender and climate-smart agriculture;
- describes participatory methods for conducting gender-sensitive research on the impacts of climate change; and
- offers guidance on different ways of reporting research findings so that they can be properly analysed.

Using the Manual will ensure that critical information on gender and climate change is collected, allowing researchers and development workers to formulate appropriate gender-sensitive policies and programmes for rural development.

The Training Manual will be available early 2012.

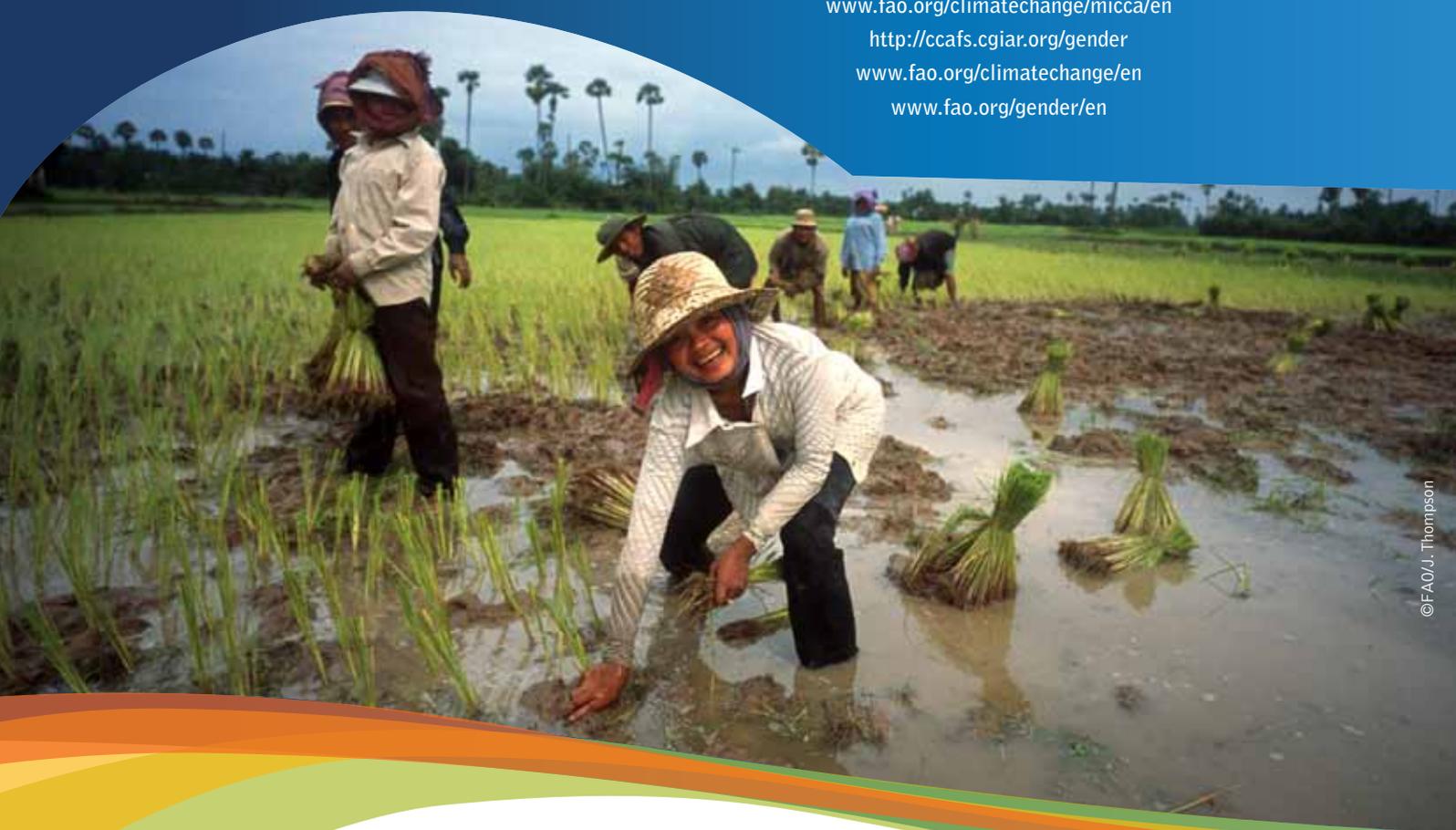
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[www.fao.org/climatechange/micca/en](http://www.fao.org/climatechange/micca/en)

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