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Round Table: Gender, Food Security and Nutrition

Putting Food First

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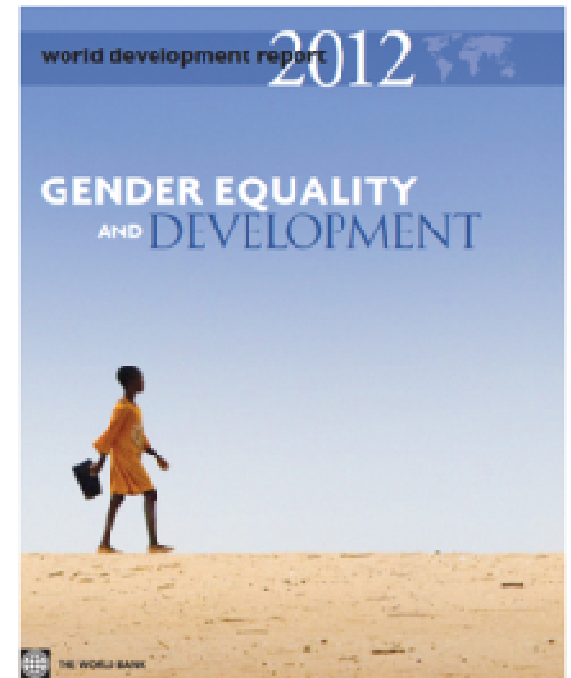
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A new framework to think about gender and development

- Investments in gender equality are the right thing to do and the smart thing to do
- Development has closed some gender gaps, but other gender gaps in economic opportunities and productivity gaps for women persist
- Need to focus on gaps that do not disappear with growth



Agriculture is key to closing these gaps

- ❖ 75% of the poor live in rural areas, and most are farmers
- ❖ Agriculture remains fundamental for economic growth and poverty reduction
- ❖ Agriculture is crucial for food and nutritional security for both farmers and consumers
- ❖ Environmentally sustainable agriculture is disproportionately important for women

Providing equal inputs and education to men and women in Kenya could increase yields by more than 20%

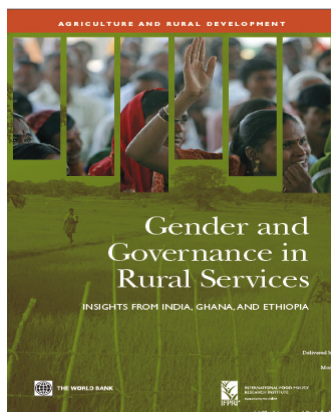
World Bank Group Commitments

- \$65 billion to support girls' education, women's health and women's access to credit, land, agricultural services, jobs and infrastructure
- IFC to commit at least \$100m in credit lines at commercial banks for women entrepreneurs, by the end of 2012
- Gender indicators mandatory for agriculture
- For the first time ever, gender is a special theme in IDA (IDA16)

Increased effectiveness through cooperation



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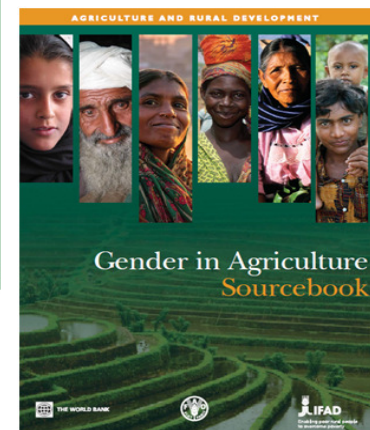
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75% of the world's poor are rural and most are involved in farming. In the 21st century, agriculture remains fundamental for poverty reduction, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

**World Development Report 2008: *Agriculture for Development*
World Development Report 2012: *Gender Equality and Development*
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