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Assessing Progress toward Women's Empowerment in Agricultural Development Projects

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 13:30-16:30 CEST,
Iran Room, FAO HQ (hybrid)**

ZOOM REGISTRATION

*Organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*

The recognition of the intrinsic value of women's empowerment has led to the development of better measures for monitoring progress toward this goal. Building on the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI), which has been used by 249 organizations in 60 countries, the Gender, Agriculture, and Assets Project, Phase 2 (GAAP2) worked with 13 agricultural development projects to develop a project-level Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index (pro-WEAI). With support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development, this index allows agricultural development projects to diagnose key areas of women's (and men's) disempowerment, design appropriate strategies to address deficiencies, and monitor project outcomes related to women's empowerment.

The UN Joint Programme on Accelerating Progress Towards the Economic Empowerment of Rural Women (JP RWEE) also used WEAI-based metrics in its phase 1 evaluation. The results from the GAAP2 and JP RWEE evaluations provide important lessons for measuring women's empowerment across project portfolios, with implications for the design and scaling up of agricultural development projects with women's empowerment objectives.



The **Assessing Progress toward Women's Empowerment in Agricultural Development Projects** event aims to present and discuss lessons from:

- The use of the pro-WEAI in the GAAP2 portfolio and phase 1 of JP RWEE
- The application of the Reach-Benefit-Empower-Transform Framework in assessing women's empowerment in agricultural development projects
- JP RWEE and its application of the pro-WEAI in Ethiopia under GAAP2
- Eleven impact evaluations in GAAP2 and four JP RWEE phase 1 countries (Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, and Niger)

The event will provide a platform for implementers and partners to discuss approaches that have worked to empower women across these projects and identify implications for future programming and scaling up.

AGENDA

TIME (CEST)	SPEAKER
13:00-13:30	Registration
13:30-13:40	Video: GAAP2 and pro-WEAI Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lauren Phillips, FAO
13:40-13:50	Agenda and check-in
13:50-14:35	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reach-Benefit-Empower-Transform Framework – Ruth Meinzen-Dick, IFPRI• GAAP2 overview – Hazel Malapit, IFPRI• JP RWEE overview – Beatrice Gerli, IFAD• JP RWEE Ethiopia – Erdgin Mane, FAO• Results and lessons from GAAP2 and JP RWEE – Agnes Quisumbing, IFPRI
14:35-14:50	Q&A
14:50-15:10	Coffee break
15:10-15:40	Collecting input from participants
15:40-16:20	Open discussion
16:20-16:30	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiara Kovarik, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation• Catherine McCarron, WFP• Silvia Lanzarini, UN Women

Twitter hashtag: #proWEAI #WEAI #JPRWEE #WomensEmpowerment #Gender

Related links:

WEAI Resource Center: <https://weai.ifpri.info>

GAAP2: <https://gaap.ifpri.info>

JP RWEE: <https://beta.ifad.org/en/web/guest/jprwee>