

CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition (Version 2 of Zero Draft)

COMMENTS BY FINLAND:

- We strongly support the gender-transformative approach. It is important to pay attention to the root causes of gender inequality. In this sense, addressing harmful social norms and gender stereotypes is crucial. Therefore we would like to suggest including social norms and gender stereotypes as policy areas for discussion systematically in each theme in part III.
- Para 23. Both terms sex-disaggregated and gender-disaggregated data is used. They are two different things, so for the sake of coherence we suggest to use the term sex-disaggregated data.
- Para 24. Enabling and promoting the participation of women ~~from different groups~~ in marginal and vulnerable situations, including indigenous women,... Would it be possible to add *women with disabilities* after indigenous women?
- 3.2. We welcome that this chapter has been strengthened. Currently both terms GBV and SGBV are used. For the sake of coherence, it would be good to use one term coherently throughout the text. Access to services being crucial, they should be included also in the narrative, not only in the policy areas for discussion.
- 3.5. Women's economic empowerment is closely to other thematic areas, especially to 3.6, 3.7 and 3.10. The relevant linkages between thematic areas should be made. Education has also a close connection to women's economic empowerment.
- 3.10. We would suggest to use term *life course* instead of *life cycle*, as life course is wider term covering also norms, discrimination, etc. Sexual and reproductive health and rights is an important topic, we suggest to consider to integrate more strongly and include as one of the policy areas for discussion.
- To ensure that intersectionality is fully taken into account in the guidelines, it is important to ensure the inclusiveness of the upcoming regional and other consultations on the guidelines draft. It must be ensured that women and girls in all their diversity can participate in them and that the consultations are accessible to them, including for women and girls with disabilities.