



Advancing Gender Equity in Agricultural Policies

for Improved Food Security

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Women play a vital role in agriculture

Agriculture can be a vital source of economic and social empowerment for women.

When women own their own farms, have access to new technologies, control their own incomes, and are able to feed their families independently, they also have the opportunity to lift themselves and their communities out of food insecurity.



Pakistan

Tanzania

The
Gambia

Sri
Lanka

Turkey

Women and land

<20%

of the world's
farming landholders
are women, though
women make up
about half of all
smallholder farmers.



Gender Inequity is not a gender issue

Women comprise nearly 43% of the agricultural labour force globally.

If women had the same access as men to productive resources agricultural output could increase by as much as 30%.

This singular boost could lift almost 100 million people out of hunger.



land

credit

education

technology

support



Unlocking the potential

Gender
responsive
policies are
essential



Equal access
to resources



Tailored support systems
for female farmers



Legal frameworks that
secure land rights



Involvement of women
in shaping policy

Integrating gender equity into agricultural policies

profoundly affects food systems as a whole



**WOMEN ARE ALSO
CULTURE KEEPERS
AND HOLD
VALUABLE
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS
AND SUSTAINABLE
FARMING
TECHNIQUES.**



Multi-sectoral Collaboration is needed



Non-governmental Organizations



Governments



Communities



Academic and Research



The Private Sector



Visible and valued

Investing in women is investing in a future where every person has access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food.

1

Dismantle barriers

2

Empower women



Thank You



Women in Agriculture NWT, Canada

In Canada



**Women make up
30.4% of the
Agriculture Sector**



Challenge

Women are dramatically less likely to be the sole decision maker on the farm

Challenge

Almost 88,000 additional female farm operators will need to be counted to achieve gender parity by 2026 – 75% of which are already farming but unrecognized as operators, and 25% which will need to be new entrants

Barriers faced by Canadian women

In Agriculture



✓ Industry Gender Norms



✓ Devaluations of Women's Skills



✓ Physical Barriers



✓ Resource Accessibility



✓ Lack of Representation

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