

Advancing Gender Equity in Agricultural Policies

for Improved Food Security

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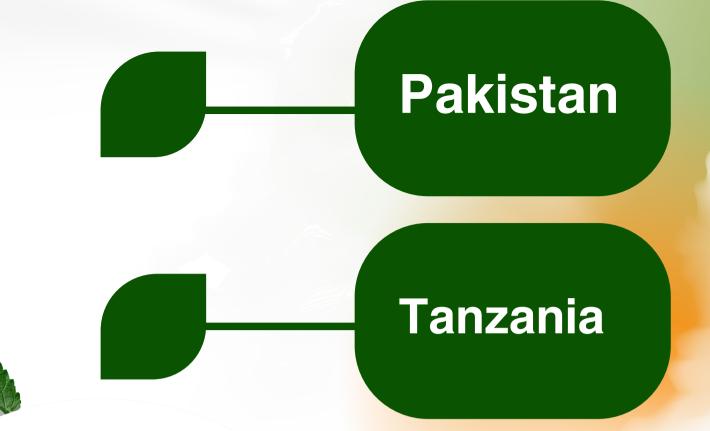
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Women play a vital role in agriculture

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.





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.





In Canada



Women make up 30.4% of the Agriculture Sector



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

Challenge

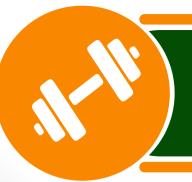
Almost 88,000 additional female farm operators will need to be counted to achieve gender parity by 2026 – 75% of which are already farming but unrecognized as operators, and 25% which will need to be new entrants



Barriers faced by Canadian women

In Agriculture





Industry Gender Norms



Devaluations of Women's Skills



Physical Barriers



Resource Accessibility



Lack of Representation

