

CAPACITY BUILDING IN GENDER RESPONSIVE DATA ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPING HIGH QUALITY NARRATIVE.

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PROPOSAL SUMMARY

The project is designed to facilitate implementation of gender equality and equity in agriculture, food and nutrition security and natural resource management to generate decent and sustainable livelihoods, diversify income streams, enhance contributions to development at rural and national levels. Target end-users are women actively engaged in agriculture, food and nutrition security and natural resource management as researchers, academics, practitioners, state actors and Civil Society Organisations. Target beneficiaries are small-holder, rural, vulnerable and marginalised farmers in the agricultural sector to improve productivity, income and reduce poverty. A pilot capacity building workshop will be conducted to fast-track gender equity in governance and development of sustainable agriculture, natural resources, and food and nutrition security. Mentoring will also be taught to the participants for dissemination and replication of workshop contents to a larger audience. The strategies are expected to manifest principally in the formulations of gender-responsive policy frameworks and interventions for sustainable agriculture, natural resources management and improved food and nutrition security.

BACKGROUND

Nigerian Women in Agricultural Research for Development (NiWARD) www.niward.org is a group of Nigerian Scientists from a number of Universities, Agricultural Research Institutions and Private Organizations based in Nigeria. We have a membership of about 500 people. Our group is an alumnus of the African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD, www.awardfellowships.org). The Fellows use the support from AWARD and their research to respond to the daily challenges rural agro and fish farmers' face, by focusing on researches that are essential to good household nutrition, community trade and innovating processes to improve their access to information while also reducing the drudgery of value addition in their farming enterprise.

NiWARD is proposing a workshop on gender to enrich the event. This project is being proposed as a capacity building programme which is one of the AWARD/NiWARD's cornerstone as a strategic solution for achieving gender equity and parity in agricultural research and development in Africa.

RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED WORKSHOP

Gender is defined as a constituent element of social relations based on perceived differences between the sexes, and as a primary signifier of power creating unequal access to resources. Gender relations are ways in which a culture or society prescribes rights, roles, responsibilities, and identities of women and men in relation to one another. Gender relations are concerned with how power is distributed between the sexes. Gender roles and responsibilities refer to culturally-based expectations of the roles, responsibilities and behaviours of women and men. A gender lens examines how roles, access, decision-making and norms - are interrelated and influence one another. Gender is considered in a relational way, which means that each of the food security and poverty are looked at from both men and women's perspective. It means that the roles of women and men are equally important to understand. Though the term "gender" does not connote women, and gender is not also the only socially relevant category, empirical evidence supports that gender disparities in agriculture have much more severe consequences for agricultural development indicators and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Nigeria struggles with weak employment creation in the agriculture sector which has eroded human development and led to instability in food supply. A significantly high population of women involved in agriculture. The future of food security in Nigeria rests with women. They constitute strong human resource base playing crucial roles in driving a dynamic and productive agricultural production, fisheries and aquaculture inclusive. Regardless of women's invaluable contributions to the agricultural sector, women face important challenges that curtail their productivity and their ability to improve their welfare and that of their households through their engagement in agriculture. Women are vulnerable, marginalized, suffer deprivation capabilities. Compared to men, women face many challenges in accessing and securing productive resources such as land, improved breeding stock, feed, animal vaccines; in obtaining support services including credit, insurance, education, and advisory services; as well as acquiring market access and information, albeit differences across countries. In addition to the challenges women face as actors in agricultural systems, women are also underrepresented in agricultural research institutions or as agricultural researchers. In Sub Saharan Africa, only one out of four agricultural researchers is female. Even fewer women work in agricultural research institutions.

Therefore, the panacea lies in gender integration to achieve gender equity and equality to increase employment opportunities for women and enhance livelihood of women small-holders

who form the bulk of the rural poor, in a way that is technically, economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

GOAL

To give increase awareness of the importance of incorporating gender justice and more particularly women in agricultural and natural resources management interventions and to contribute to the development of knowledge and good practices within these sectors.

OBJECTIVES

- Help participants gain a deeper understanding of what we mean by gender responsive data and research, mainstreaming, integration and inclusion in agriculture, food nutrition and security and natural resource management.
- Discuss relevant research questions and analysis from a gender perspective.
- Develop high quality narrative to bridge gap between research and policy interphase.

TARGET END-USERS

This initiative is targeted towards scientists employed in agricultural research institutions, agricultural production, institutions of higher education offering agricultural courses, Ministries, Departments and Agencies in Nigeria and Civil Society Organisations actively involved in gender in agriculture and natural resources management to advance research and practice.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

The initiative is aimed at empowering the small-holder, rural, vulnerable and marginalised Farmers in the agricultural sector to improve productivity, income and reduce poverty.

METHODOLOGY

NiWARD proposes to run a Training of Trainers (ToT) model for implementing the objectives and achieving the desired outcomes for gender workshop. Participants will also be trained to act as mentors by an AWARD fellow to facilitate training of other streams of mentees within their organisations. This will fast-track capacity building and dissemination of knowledge and skills in the area of gender analysis and interpretation.

CONTENT: Lecture-based sessions on

- Why gender responsive research and/or sex-disaggregated data in agriculture, natural resource management, food and nutrition security?
- What is gender responsive data? What are the approaches, tool kits and methods to improve gender mainstreaming, integration, inclusion and participation in decision-making, governance, policy frameworks, projects or programmes in agriculture, natural resource management and food security? .
- Building high quality narratives from gender analysis.
- Mentoring

WORKSHOP AIMS:

1. Present an introduction to gender responsive and/or sex-disaggregated data and principles with examples from diverse geographic, cultural, and local policy contexts, and implications for food security, sustainable natural resources and improved agricultural productivity.
2. Representatives of state actors, academics, researchers and CSOs are invited to present their methods, toolkits or approaches for adoption and implementation of the gender equity and equality principle in the context of strengthening agricultural productivity enhancing natural resource management and to improve food nutrition and security.
3. Open discussion on the diverse gender analytical methods or tools, advocacy and support needed for gender responsive and/or sex-disaggregated data and principles.
4. Networking amongst practitioners, academics, state actors, researchers and CSOs to encourage adoption of gender responsive research and participation that support implementation of the gender equity and equality principle in policies, projects and programmes.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

1. Guidance for context specific implementation of the gender - responsive and/or sex-disaggregated data and principles including:
 - a. Diverse gender analytical tools, approaches or methods.
 - b. Gender representation and expertise in agricultural and allied research institutions.

- c. Capacity development for the inclusion and integration of gender in monitoring and equitable participation in decision-making, interventions, governance and management.

2. Openly available workshop report

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

1. Presentations

- a. Introduction to gender responsive and/or sex disaggregated data and principles.
- b. Implementation implications of gender responsive and/or sex disaggregated data and principles in context – case study presentations.
- c. Institutional priorities and needs – presentations by CSOs, NGOs and State Actors

2. Open discussion

- a. Including diverse contexts, priorities, and experiences.
- b. Identifying diverse tools, methods, approaches and implementation priorities to support gender responsive and /or sex disaggregated data and where advocacy and support may be necessary.
- c. Identifying diverse institutional and capacity development needs.