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Gender Research at IFPRI: Reflections and strategic directions

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IFPRI mission

To provide sustainable policy solutions that reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition.

Focus on:

- Identify and analyze alternative international, national and local policies in support of improved food security and nutrition;
- Actively engage in policy communication;
- Focus on vulnerable groups as influenced by class, religion, ethnicity, agro ecological location and **gender**.

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Gender Research at IFPRI

- Reflected in programming themes
 - ❖ Strengthening Women's Assets for Control of Better Development Outcomes
 - ❖ Large Scale Interventions for Human Capital Development
 - ❖ Pathways from Poverty
 - ❖ HIV/AIDS and Food Security
 - ❖ Diet Quality and Health of the Poor

- Mainstreamed through a Gender Task Force
 - Monthly meetings for information sharing
 - External outreach
 - Gender Blog <http://genderfoodpolicy.wordpress.com/>
 - Updated website <http://www.ifpri.org/book-20/ourwork/researcharea/gender>
 - PPT archive <http://www.slideshare.net/IFPRIGender>
 - Internal outreach
 - Information to new hires
 - → Support to researchers

Gender focus in GRPs (Global research programs)

Current research builds off IFPRI's "Strengthening Development Policy through Gender and Intrahousehold Analysis" research program - 1992-2002:



- Substantial external impact: journal articles, books, citations, Handbook chapters
- Data downloads: > 2,400
- Impact on design of interventions, e.g. targeting of CCTs to women

Key Findings from Intrahousehold Research Program

- Households do not pool resources or share same preferences
- Identity of recipient is important for impact of policy
- Evidence from many countries that increasing resources (assets) controlled by women improves child education, nutrition
- Gender gap in assets persists

But we do not know much about non-standard assets (tangible and intangible):

- ❖ Natural capital
- ❖ Physical capital
- ❖ Financial capital
- ❖ Human capital
- ❖ Social capital
- ❖ Political capital

New GRP: Strengthening Women's Assets for Better Development Outcomes

OBJECTIVES:

1. To document the gender gap in assets at the individual, household, and community levels (and changes over time)
2. To examine consequences of the gap
3. To identify and evaluate policy interventions that build women's assets to achieve better development outcomes

KEY QUESTIONS:

1. What is the extent of the gender gap in assets?
2. Are there qualitative differences between men's and women's assets; if so, how can they be measured and compared?
3. What combination of assets/accumulation paths lead to greater poverty reduction and economic growth?
4. Are there tradeoffs between increasing household assets and gender equity?
5. If resources are to be targeted to women, what are the most effective ways to do so?

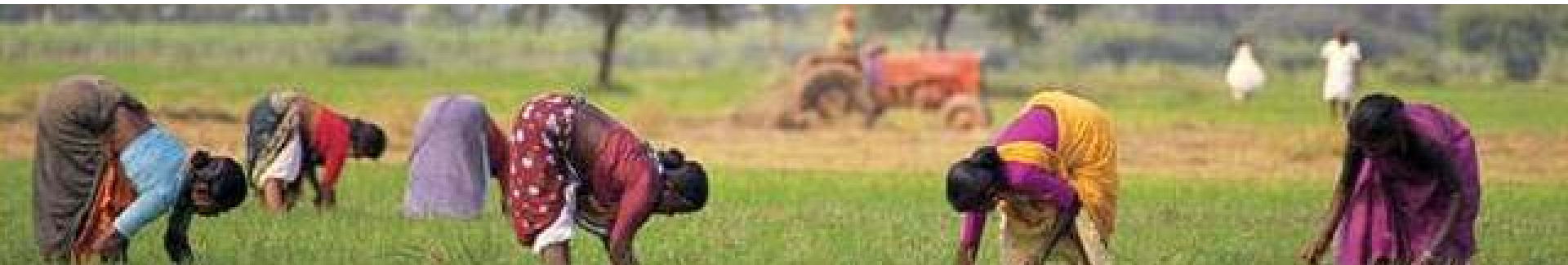
Two Track Approach

Track 1- Analytical methods:

Developing and implementing analytical methods for identifying factors affecting control over assets and measuring the asset gap, especially over time.

Track 2- Evaluations:

Working directly with development practitioners and policymakers to evaluate the impact of interventions designed to increase women's control of assets.



Other new and ongoing research focus across IFPRI

- Gender and food price crisis (PHN)
- Women and land (land-grabs, property rights, tenure insecurity; EPT, PHN)
- Gender, governance and rural service provision (DSG)
- Gender and agricultural extension (KCI)
- Gender and biofuels (EPT)
- Gender in CCTs and social protection (PHN)
- Gender differences in long-term effects of nutritional interventions (PHN)

Research Methodologies

Qualitative:

- Participatory research
- Focus groups
- Semi-structured interviews
- Participatory net mapping, net mapping
- Ethnographic research

Quantitative:

- Impact evaluation, RCT
- Analysis of panel data, regression analysis techniques
- Spatial analysis
- CGE macro modeling



Multidisciplinary work

Role of Gender Task Force

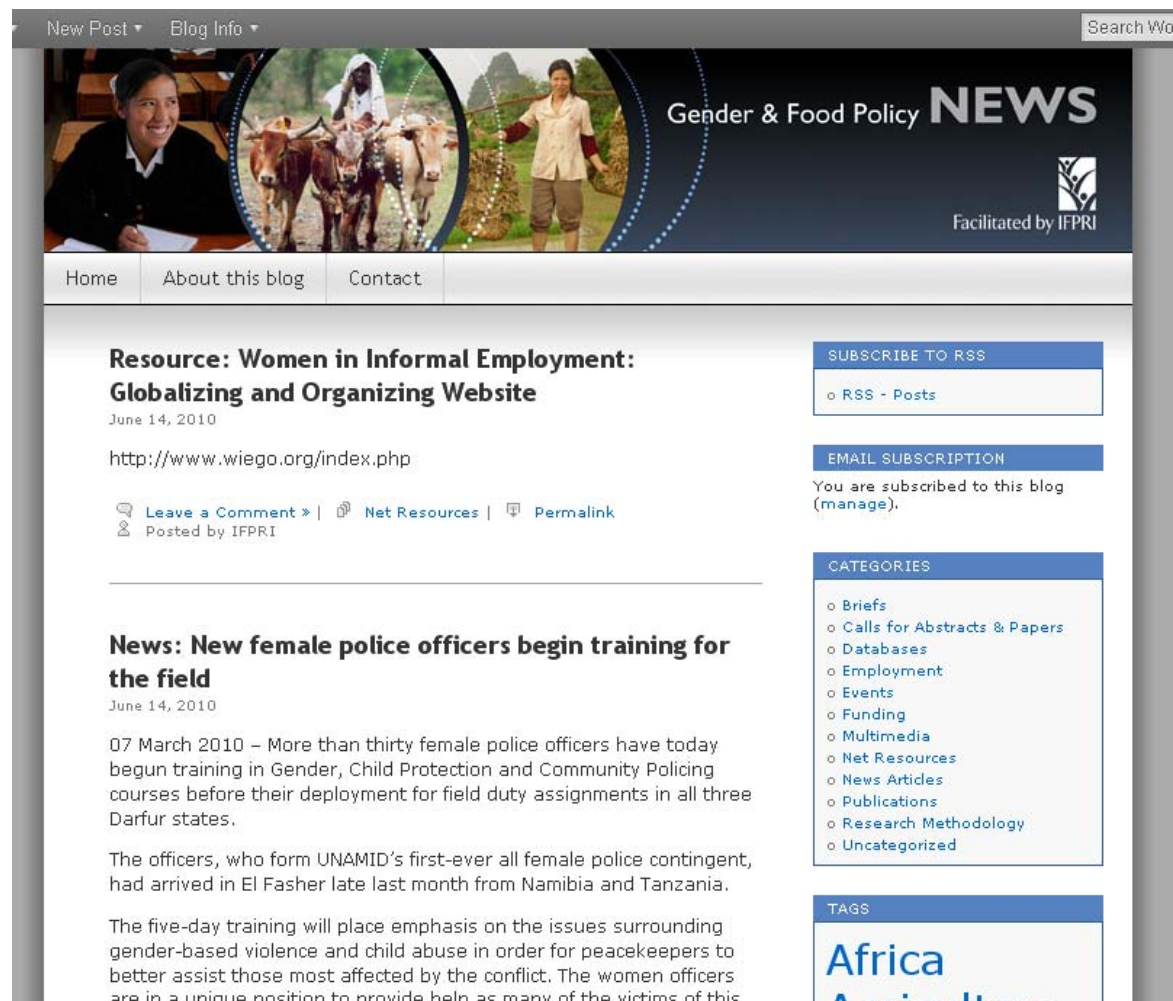
- ❑ Founded in 2004 as a interdivisional mechanism to provide researchers with support to address gender issues
- ❑ Composed of 1 Chair, 1 RA (full time) and representatives from each division (6)

Goals

- ❑ Promote linkages and information sharing between divisions on research findings, funding opportunities, events etc.
- ❑ Provide a resource for researches who need advice on integrating gender into research
- ❑ Review GRP medium term plans for integration of gender

Information sharing: Gender & Food Policy NEWS

- ❑ Launched in April 2010
- ❑ RSS feeds:
 - ❖ Briefs
 - ❖ Calls for papers
 - ❖ Databases
 - ❖ Employment
 - ❖ Events
 - ❖ Funding
 - ❖ Multimedia
 - ❖ Resources
 - ❖ News
 - ❖ Methodology
 - ❖ Publications



The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Gender & Food Policy NEWS' blog. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'New Post' and 'Blog Info' dropdown menus, and a search box on the right. Below this is a banner image featuring three circular photos: a woman smiling, a woman with a cow, and a woman with a basket. The text 'Gender & Food Policy NEWS' is prominently displayed in the banner, along with the IFPRI logo and the text 'Facilitated by IFPRI'. A secondary navigation bar contains 'Home', 'About this blog', and 'Contact' links.

The main content area features two articles:

- Resource: Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing Website**
June 14, 2010
<http://www.wiego.org/index.php>
Interactions: [Leave a Comment »](#) | [Net Resources](#) | [Permalink](#)
Posted by IFPRI
- News: New female police officers begin training for the field**
June 14, 2010
07 March 2010 – More than thirty female police officers have today begun training in Gender, Child Protection and Community Policing courses before their deployment for field duty assignments in all three Darfur states.
The officers, who form UNAMID's first-ever all female police contingent, had arrived in El Fasher late last month from Namibia and Tanzania.
The five-day training will place emphasis on the issues surrounding gender-based violence and child abuse in order for peacekeepers to better assist those most affected by the conflict. The women officers are in a unique position to provide help as many of the victims of this

On the right side, there are three widget boxes:

- SUBSCRIBE TO RSS**: Includes a link for 'RSS - Posts'.
- EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION**: States 'You are subscribed to this blog (manage)'.
- CATEGORIES**: Lists various categories such as Briefs, Calls for Abstracts & Papers, Databases, Employment, Events, Funding, Multimedia, Net Resources, News Articles, Publications, Research Methodology, and Uncategorized.
- TAGS**: Shows a tag for 'Africa'.

Successes of IFPRI's Gender Task Force

- Big progress in review of MTP: First review only 1/3 of GRPs had an adequate focus on gender in their MTPs; at present 20/25 have an adequate focus.
- Identification of strategic direction for new research program (focus on assets)
- Increased capacity at IFPRI at all levels of staff
- Upcoming policy seminar on 'US Policy & Rural Women: Going Beyond the Rhetoric'
- Joint IFPRI/WB/IFAD seminar series on gender & agriculture
- GCARD collaborative paper on 'Engendering Agricultural Research'
- Advice on projects (ie RESAKSS, DRC office)

In Summary: IFPRI Strategy

- Mainstream across research programs, research methodologies and across project timelines (donor outreach, proposal, research implementation, research outputs)
- Support IFPRI researchers to conduct gender-sensitive research across research methods
- External outreach and liaison with policy makers and other organizations