

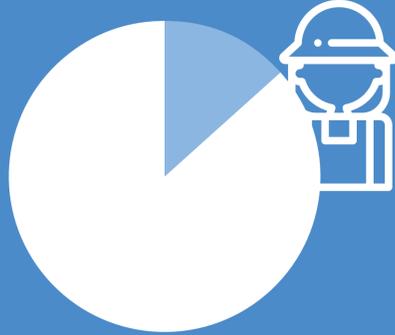
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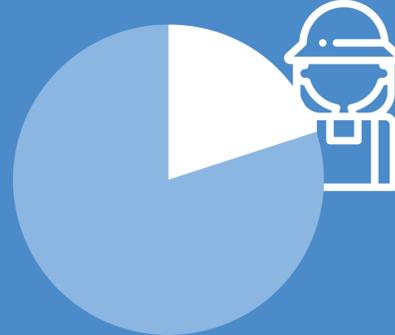
Drivers of land degradation are not gender-neutral



Globally, women make up **43 per cent** of the agricultural labour force but they tend to have smaller farms on more marginal lands and less access to technical information and credit facilities



Less than **20 per cent** of land holders worldwide are women



Only **13 per cent** of the land users who make the major decisions on agricultural land are women

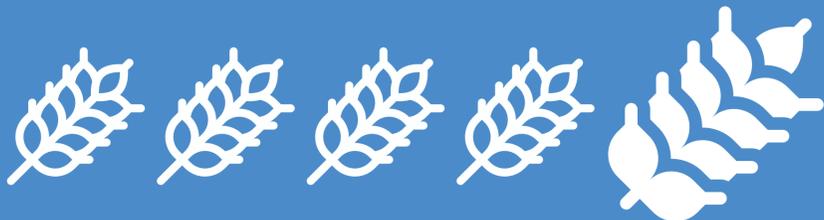


Only **15 per cent** of agricultural extension officers are women



Twice as many women suffer from malnutrition as men, and girls are **twice** as likely to die from malnutrition as boys

Women are agents of innovation and change for sustainable land management



Gender equality in agriculture alone can **increase yields** on women's farms by **20-30 per cent** and total agricultural output in developing countries by **2.5-4 per cent**.

Uganda

After women adopted sustainable land management techniques, they constantly produce surplus food. Now they seek government expertise on how to enter food trade.

Morocco

Women's participation in a regional project to restore degrading oases motivated them to participate in local governance. In the first year, 12 women became representatives of three communities.

India

A 4-year land restoration project with community and gender-driven interventions resulted a 10 per cent increase in livelihood opportunities.

Ethiopia

Devolving the allocation of titles to local governments through certificates has encouraged women to apply for and own land.

Land-based gender empowerment in action

Closing gender gaps in all areas related to land use could **raise national outputs**

Ensure women's participation and interests are reflected in all land-related government programs and projects



Identify and **empower** social mobilizers to motivate women's participation, mentor them in leadership and provide expert advice on sustainable land management

Provide incentives such as financing to support large-scale pilot and trail-blazing projects focused on gender parity



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