

HELPING WOMEN RESPOND TO THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS: WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE STILL NEED TO KNOW

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WOMEN FEED THE WORLD...



...AND THEY ARE FED UP.



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WOMEN – PREDOMINANTLY URBAN WOMEN -- ARE FLEXING THEIR POLITICAL MUSCLE TO DEMAND ACTION THAT WILL MAKE FOOD MORE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE



THE WORLD IS RESPONDING

World Bank's "New Deal for Global Food Policy"

FAO's High Level Conference on Food Security

UN High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis

UN Comprehensive Framework for Action

**THE RESPONSES HAVE BEEN LARGELY
GENDER BLIND --**

**FAILING TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLE OF
WOMEN AND THE SPECIFIC
CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS
THEY FACE**

THE AUDIENCE IS BIGGER AND INCLUDES MANY FOR WHOM THIS IS NEW INFORMATION



THE INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE REFLECTS:

- ✓ **INCOMPLETE GENDER MAINSTREAMING**
- ✓ **NEGLECT OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY**
- ✓ **SKIMPY RESOURCES FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

WHAT WE NEED IS *A SQUARE DEAL FOR WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE*



IMMEDIATELY

- ✓ Adequate treatment of gender and women's roles in the UN Comprehensive Framework for Action (CFA)
- ✓ Terms of Reference for Assessment Missions should include gender analysis and recommendations
- ✓ New and concerted efforts to raise awareness and understanding, especially among policymakers

SHORT - TERM

- ✓ Gender-analysis to ensure that women benefit from efforts to boost production in the next growing season while strengthening information and knowledge to inform longer-term actions
 - Production inputs
 - Credit
 - Market access

MEDIUM - TERM

- ✓ Build consensus around priority actions and advocate for them
- ✓ ABC's
 - **Admitt** women access to productive resources (especially land and water), information, gender-sensitive technology, and finance
 - **Budget** resources for gender equality and women's empowerment
 - **Count** women in:
 - ❖ Ensure rural women's representation and participation in decisions that affect their lives and communities
 - ❖ Improve sex-disaggregated data collection, development of gender-sensitive indicators, monitoring, and evaluation

LONG - TERM

- ✓ Deepen our understanding of the impact on women of climate change, payment for environmental services, and expansion of biofuel production
- ✓ Strengthen and expand women's leadership
- ✓ Complete gender mainstreaming
- ✓ Track budgetary and other resources for gender equality and women's empowerment