

Understanding and integrating gender issues into livestock projects and programmes. A checklist for practitioners

Ultimately, this booklet is designed to facilitate gender analysis in projects and programmes in the livestock sector. It identifies the main challenges faced by smallholder farmers, especially women, in small livestock management (particularly poultry and small ruminants) and in dairy farming. These specific livestock subsectors, including all activities related to dairy farming, have been specifically selected for this study because of women's significant contribution and involvement. This booklet is intended to help livestock experts and professionals involved in field projects and interventions to: 1. Identify the main constraints faced by women and men in accessing, controlling and managing small livestock and dairy farming; 2. Design projects and programmes that address the challenges faced by women and men in access to, control over and management of small livestock and dairy farming. The first section provides users with an overview and understanding of key gender issues in the livestock sector, with a discussion of seven broad categories of challenges often faced by smallholder farmers. Special attention is given to the distinct roles of men and women, as well as to the particular constraints faced by women, in the poultry and small ruminant sub-sectors as well as in dairy farming activities. The second section presents two main tools: a gender checklist and a set of tips and gender analysis tools.

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