



**Accelerating Progress Towards Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in Guatemala (RWEЕ)  
MPTF OFFICE GENERIC ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT  
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<p align="center"><b>Programme Title &amp; Project Number</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme Title: Accelerating Progress Towards Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in Guatemala (RWEЕ)</li> <li>Programme Number (if applicable)</li> <li>MPTF Office Project Reference Number:<sup>3</sup> 00092001</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results<sup>2</sup></b></p> <p>(if applicable) Country/Region Guatemala, Valley of Polochic</p> <p>Priority area / strategic results Accelerating Progress Towards Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in Guatemala. (RWEЕ)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Participating Organization(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizations that have received direct funding from the MPTF Office under this programme</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Implementing Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National counterparts: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food (Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación –MAGA-)</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</b></p> <p>Total approved budget as per project document: MPTF /JP Contribution<sup>4</sup>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>by Agency (if applicable) US \$ 245, 482 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAO US\$ 49,776</li> <li>WFP US\$ 145,929</li> <li>UNWOMEN US\$ 49,776</li> </ul> </li> <li>Agency Contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIDA US\$ 65,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>by Agency (if applicable)</li> <li>Government Contribution (if applicable)</li> <li>Other Contributions (donors) (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p><b>TOTAL:</b> US \$ 245, 482</p>	<p align="center"><b>Programme Duration</b></p> <p>Overall Duration: 5 years</p> <p>Start Date 01 November.2014</p> <p>Original End Date 31 October 2017</p> <p>Current End date (31.10.2019)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Programme Assessment/Review/Mid-Term Eval.</b></p> <p>Assessment/Review - if applicable please attach  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy  Mid-Term Evaluation Report – if applicable please attach  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date: dd.mm.yyyy</p>	<p align="center"><b>Report Submitted By</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name: Mario Touchette</li> <li>Title: Representative</li> <li>Participating Organization (Lead): World Food Programme</li> <li>Email address: Mario.touchette@wfp.org</li> </ul>

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<sup>2</sup> Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or project document;  
<sup>3</sup> The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)  
<sup>4</sup> The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

## ACCRONYMS

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
COMUDE	<i>Consejos Municipales de Desarrollo</i> Municipal Development Committees
COPREDEH	<i>Comisión Presidencial Coordinadora de la Política del Ejecutivo en materia de Derechos Humanos</i> Presidential Commission for Human Rights
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GEM	<i>Gabinete Específico de la Mujer</i> Specific Cabinet for Women
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
INE	<i>Instituto Nacional de Estadística</i> National Statistics Institute
JP	Joint Programme
MAGA	<i>Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Alimentación.</i> Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food
MINECO	Ministerio de Economía Ministry of Economy
MPTF	Office Project Reference Number
ENEI	<i>Encuesta Nacional de Empleo e Ingresos</i> National Survey of Employment and Income
PNPDIM	<i>Política Nacional de Promoción y Desarrollo Integral de la Mujer.</i> National Policy for the Promotion and Integral Development of Women
PEO	<i>Plan de Equidad de Oportunidades.</i> Equal Opportunity Plan
RIMS	Risk and Impacts Management
RWEE	Rural Women Economic Empowerment
SEGEPLAN	<i>Secretaría Presidencial de Planificación y Programación de la Presidencia.</i> Secretariat for Planning and Programming of the Presidency
SEPREM	Secretariat Presidencial de la Mujer Presidential Secretariat of Women

WEIA Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index

WFP World Food Programme

## NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Joint Program "Accelerating Progress towards Economic Empowerment of Rural Women" (RWEE) in the Valley of Polochic (Guatemala) seeks the empowerment of rural women and strengthen their role in the eradication of hunger and poverty. The Joint Programme is carried out in three towns of the valley of Polochic: Panzós, Santa Catarina La Tinta and Tukurú. These areas stand out by high rural poverty level (85%), high percent of indigenous people of Q'eqchi' and Poqomchi' cultures (89%) and rural women linked to productive activities with potential.

The programme began in October 2014 with the Norwegian Government support. The following outputs and outcomes were achieved:

- Data for Women Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) were recollected and analyzed. The inputs allowed knowing better the status of women with relation to their economic empowerment in the intervention area.
- MAGA, the governmental counterpart for the Programme, designed and approved, with support of the Joint Programme, its Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Implementation Strategic Framework 2014-2023. The objectives of the Policy is to promote women's economic development and ensure compliance with the axis of Economic and Productive Development with Equity of the National Policy for the Advancement and Integral Development of Women -PNPDIM- and Equal Opportunity Plan -PEO- 2008-2023.
- MAGA, the Ministry of Economy (MINECO) and the Secretariat for Planning and Programming of the Presidency (SEGEPLAN) designed and implemented, with the support of the Joint Programme, the certified course "Human Rights, Discrimination, Racism, and Economic Empowerment of Women phase II". This course contributed to strengthen knowledge and skills of 60 Civil servants on women's human rights, constraints to the economic empowerment of rural women and planning strategies to enable rural women to have access on equal terms to services provided by public institutions.

### **I. Purpose**

The overall goal of the programme is to contribute to the economic empowerment of rural women in Guatemala, with four outcomes expected:

- Rural women improve nutrition and food security situation.
- Rural women increase their income to ensure their livelihoods.
- Rural women become leaders for their economic development.
- The country has gender-sensitive policies for women's economic development

### **II. Results**

The joint program Accelerating towards Progress Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in the valley of Polochic in Guatemala seeks to contribute to the empowerment of rural women and to strengthen their role in the eradication of hunger and poverty. In order to identify the intervention area for the program, a geographical and social targeting review was carried out. Thanks to this review, three municipalities in the Valley of Polochic were selected: Panzós, Santa Catarina La Tinta, and Tukurú. These municipalities are characterized by their high level of rural poverty (85% on average), high levels of indigenous population Q'eqchi 'and Poqomchi' (89%) and by the presence of rural women involved in productive activities with good potential for development.

With the support of Norwegian Government, the Programme started in October 2014 with the implementation of the following actions during the last quarter of 2014:

- Administrative procedures for hiring technical coordination for the JP were defined and implemented; the thematic coordinator for result 1 supported by FAO, the monitoring and evaluation expert supported by IFAD, and the thematic coordinator for actions supported by UN Women. It is expected that the hiring process of these staff will be finalized at the beginning of 2015.
- The design of direct targeting criteria for the identification and selection of rural women participating in the Joint Programme, building tools and instruments that will be submitted locally for revision / validation in participatory spaces in early 2015.
- The collecting of information and analysis of index for the Economic Empowerment of Women in Agriculture (WEIA) were carried out. This tool provided inputs about the status of women related to their economic empowerment in the intervention area.
- The four agencies provided specialized technical support to MAGA's Gender Unit with the aim of designing the "Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014 – 2023". The Policy was approved through the Ministerial Agreement dated 10 November, 2014.

**i) Narrative reporting on results:**

- **Outcomes:**

Within the joint program framework, the four agencies concentrated their efforts in coordinating with MAGA, defining the implementation process and coordinating the programme at central and territorial levels, achieving MAGA's commitment to incorporate the program's actions into their work plan.

At local level, negotiations with municipal authorities were carried out to implement the program as well as to receive endorsement and support from Mayors and Municipal Development Committees (COMUDE) for collecting data for the index of Economic Empowerment Women in Agriculture (WEIA). The data collection was finalized with success. Following negotiation with the Mayor of Panzós, he committed the municipality to provide tangible assets owned by the municipality for the technical operations of the joint program.

Within each agency mandate, the 4 agencies have provided technical and financial assistance to MAGA in designing its institutional gender policy, so that it responds to the strategic priorities of the National Policy for the Advancement and Integral Development of Women - PNPDIM- and Equal Opportunity Plan 2008-2013 -PEO- as well as to contribute to CEDAW's recommendations; links it to monitoring mechanisms such as the Presidential Secretariat for Women and the Specific Cabinet for Women.

As a result of this effort, MAGA adopted its Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Implementation Strategic Framework 2014-2023 through Ministerial Agreement No. 693 - 2014, which provides technical and institutional guidelines to transform its internal procedures so that rural women can have access to the ministry services on fair basis and according to their needs, interests and changing conditions.

MAGA is the governmental institution responsible for promoting integrated rural development in the country, by promoting legal certainty, the transformation and modernization of agriculture, developing productive, organizational and commercial capabilities among producing people in order to achieve sovereignty, food security and competitiveness.

In this sense, environment meets the conditions to implement the Joint Programme and it has a gender and economic development sensitive policy for women, which will enable to meet the axis of economic and productive development with equity for the National Policy for the Advancement and Integral Development of women -PNPDIM- and Equal Opportunity Plan 2008-2013 -PEO- to strengthen economic autonomy, productive and business capacity of women, ensuring access to resources and services provided by MAGA.

- **Outputs:**

The MAGA's Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Implementation Strategic Framework 2014-2023 is a strategic tool that will build institutional capacity to support the empowerment of women, through changes of attitudes among staff and technical procedures to increase opportunities for rural women to have access to ministry's services. This will allow the joint program's interventions to use this policy as part of strengthening knowledge and skills in its operations.

During the advising and political negotiations process with MAGA, at least 5 people from the Agencies were involved. Brainstorming and meetings for the analysis on the status and position of Guatemalan women were organized, justifying the implementation of the Joint Programme and developing a strategic framework to promote women's access to MAGA's services, under conditions that would contribute to their equitable economic empowerment.

Within the framework of the course "human rights, racism, discrimination, and economic empowerment of women Phase II", the Joint Programme provided technical assistance for the design and content of the course and has directly facilitated three modules: socioeconomic context of Guatemala; commitments on human rights and agreements; and planning, monitoring and evaluation with a gender perspective. This course was offered to 60 people who are in charge of planning and budget execution at MAGA, MINECO, and the Presidential Commission for Human Rights (COPREDEH).

These people are public employees linked to processes of planning and implementing economic development strategies. Some people were involved in the process of drafting MAGA's Institutional Gender Policy and others were involved in the planning processes in the institutions where they work.

MAGA's Directors have been sensitized about the need of gender focus; a base-line information was collected, which served as a fundamental basis for the designing of MAGA's Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014-2023; as well as interviews with women's groups of the civil society.

At local level, sensitization activities were organized for MAGA's Extension Units on the importance of identifying gender gaps and monitoring gender indicators which will allow to present evidence on how MAGA's actions are contributing to close those gender gaps.

Because of this process, the participating staff is aware of the limitations faced by women and they increased their knowledge on how to contribute to the economic empowerment of rural women. They has

also received recommendations from the Joint Programme on how to incorporate strategic planning that would contribute to the respect of rural women's rights.

- **Describe any delays in implementation, challenges, lessons learned & best practices:**

There have been challenges in implementing the program, both internally and externally.

The external challenges are related to the State respecting the implementation of human rights for rural women. This situation is reflected in the long process for the designing and approving of MAGA's gender policy.

Internally, the main challenges have been the following:

- To define the best mechanisms for coordination at the three levels of program implementation (National Steering Committee, Programme Management Committee, Operational technical coordination) and
- In making that operational work and institutional management be recognized.

The implementation of the program, at local level, has had a slower than expected pace, which has led to establish corrective actions in order to maximize interagency procedures' economies of scale.

A good practice has been the interagency coordination aimed at providing specialized technical assistance to MAGA in the formulation of the Institutional Policy on Gender Equality and Implementation Strategic Framework 2014-2023.

- **Qualitative assessment:**

Coordination among agencies has been a determining factor in achieving results; allowing the four agencies to be present at MAGA and municipal authorities, in order to hire staff with the required technical skills.

The association of four agencies participating in this program allowed the mobilization of the financial resources from Sweden, to finance three years of implementation with US \$ 1,042,774 for 2015 and the possibility to get, according to program performance, another \$ 1,029,820 for 2016 and 2017.

**ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:**

	<b><u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets</b>	<b>Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)</b>	<b>Source of Verification</b>
<p><b>Intermediate Outcome 1</b> Rural women improve their food security</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> % of households with female as heads of household improve their food security according to ELCSA.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned target:</b> 50% of participating women</p>	<p>Within baseline, a module for ELCSA will be conducted.</p>		
<p><b>Immediate Outcome 1.1</b> Rural Women have higher capacity for food production and possess nutrition knowledge</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> % of rural women who increase the production at their farms or family gardens.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned target:</b> 60% of the participating women</p>	<p>The situation in the baseline must be defined.</p>		
<p><b>Outputs</b> <b>1.1.1 Rural women are trained on maize and home garden as well as small livestock production.</b></p> <p><b>Indicator 1.1.1.</b> % of women who introduce at least two new species in their home gardens.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned target:</b> 10% in maize (from 29qq to 32qq per Ha.)</p>	<p>Actions planned for 2015 - 2017</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	

17% in beans (from 17qg to 20qg per Ha.)			
<b>Indicator 1.1.2.</b> Number of good practices implemented for the farm and homegarden.  <b>Baseline:</b> To be determined  <b>Planned target:</b> 10 good practices to increase the production.	Actions planned for 2015 - 2017	There were no delays.	
<b>1.1.3 Rural women improve crop production</b>	Actions planned for 2015 - 2017	There were no delays.	
<b>1.1.4 Rural women are trained on post-harvest management.</b>	Actions planned for 2015 - 2017	There were no delays.	
<b>1.1.5 Rural women are trained on food and nutritional safety and adequate use of food.</b>	Actions planned for 2015 - 2017	There were no delays.	
<b>Intermediate Outcome 2</b> Rural Women increase their income to ensure their livelihoods.  <b>Indicator:</b> % of women who increase their income by the action of the Programme.  <b>Baseline:</b> To be determined  <b>Planned target:</b> 50% of participating women	Process indicator. During the last quarter of 2014, actions to create conditions for starting the program were launched at a local level, including: approval of MAGA's Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014 – 2023; the situation of women in the intervention area, and the introduction of the geographical, social and direct targeting strategy with its tool. It is expected that during 2015 the selected rural women will participate actively in the program.	Delays were primarily due to administrative arrangements for starting the program. During the last quarter of 2014 the processes for the recruitment of technical staff began, as well as looking for an office for RWEE's staff.	-Ministerial Agreement No. 693-2014. - WEAI study and survey database, targeting tools.
<b>Immediate Outcomes 2.1</b> Rural women improve their business skills and participation in value chains.  <b>Indicator 2.1.1.</b> Number of rural women who increase their business skills. Number of rural women who participate in value chains.  <b>Baseline</b> To be determined  <b>Planned target:</b> 250 women	It is expected that during 2015 the first group of women and the organizations of rural women participating in the program will be incorporated.	Delays were primarily due to administrative arrangements for starting the program. During the last quarter of 2014 the processes for the recruitment of technical staff began, as well as looking for an office for RWEE's staff.	***

<p><b>Indicator 2.1.2</b> Number of rural women who participate in value chains.</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned target:</b> 20% of the participating women</p>			
<p><b>Output 2.1.1.</b> <b>2.1.1 Rural women’s productive organizations have legal status and fiscal registration.</b></p>			
<p><b>2.1.2 Rural women’s productive organizations develop entrepreneurial skills.</b></p>			
<p><b>2.1.3 Rural women’s productive organizations access credit for production and commercialization.</b></p>			
<p><b>2.1.4 Rural women’s productive organizations secure market niches.</b></p>			
<p><b>Intermediate Outcome 3</b> Rural women become leaders for their economic development.</p> <p><b>Indicator</b> % of trained women who become leaders for their economic development</p> <p><b>Baseline</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned Target</b> 75% of the participating women</p>	<p>Process indicator. During the last quarter of 2014, actions to create conditions for starting the program were launched at a local level, including a study / characterization of women’s situation in the intervention area, and the introduction of the geographical, social and direct targeting strategy with its tools. It is expected that during 2015 the participating rural women join the program.</p>	<p>Delays were primarily due to administrative arrangements for starting the program. During the last quarter of 2014 the processes for the recruitment of technical staff began, as well as looking for an office for RWEE’s staff.</p>	
<p><b>Immediate Outcome 3.1.</b> Rural women have increased leadership skills and knowledge of their rights to engage in and influence relevant policy forums at organizational, community, municipal and national levels.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> % of women who increase their leadership skills to participate in decision making in all levels of economic development.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p>	<p>It is expected that during 2015 the first group of women and organizations of rural women participating in the program will be incorporated.</p>	<p>Delays were primarily due to administrative arrangements for starting the program. During the last quarter of the 2014 year the processes for the recruitment of technical staff began, as well as looking for an office for RWEE’s staff.</p>	<p>***</p>

<p><b>Planned target:</b> 60% of 200 women participants improve skills. 15% increase in decision-making positions occupied by women in the organizations.</p>			
<p><b>Outputs 3.1.1.</b> <b>3.1.1.</b> A diagnostic study exists on obstacles to rural women’s empowerment in women only and men and women’s organizations.</p>	<p>1 WEAI database with its corresponding study / characterization on women’s’ situation in the intervention area  - WEAI Study and survey database.</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>- WEAI Study and survey database.</p>
<p>3.1.2. Rural women improve leadership abilities.</p>	<p>It is expected that during 2015 the first group of women and organizations of rural women participating in the program, will be incorporated.</p>	<p>Delays were primarily due to administrative arrangements for starting the program. During the last quarter of the year the processes for the recruitment of technical staff began, as well as looking for an office for RWEE’s staff.</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>3.2.3 Rural women participate in diversified leadership roles related to their economic empowerment.</p>			
<p>3.2.4 Rural women are trained on their human rights, including reproductive rights.</p>			
<p>3.2.5 Rural women are trained on government entities, processes, policies and programs related to their economic empowerment.</p>			
<p>3.2.6 Rural women’s organizations exchange experiences and create networks related to their economic empowerment.</p>			
<p><b>Intermediate Outcome 4<sup>5</sup></b> The environment has gender and economic development -sensitive policies for women</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Compliance with the axes of the national policy of Integral Development of Guatemalan Women.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b> 25% compliance</p>	<p>There are conditions to implement the axis of economic and productive development with equity of the National Policy for the Advancement and Integral Development of Women - PNPDIM- and Equal Opportunity to the Plan -PEO- 2008 - 2023, to promote the economic empowerment, productive and entrepreneurial capacity of women, ensuring their access to resources, assets and services</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>- Agreements with governmental institutions. - National mechanism related to the Specific Cabinet for Women (GEM), economic empowerment Area.</p>
<p><b>Immediately Outcome 4.1</b></p> <p>The public official is aware of the limitations for the economic empowerment of rural women.</p> <p><b>Indicator 4.1.1</b> Percentage of governmental institutions with</p>	<p>2 institutions: MAGA &amp; SEPREM.</p> <p>MAGA designed and approved, with the support of the Joint Programme, its Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014 - 2023, to promote women’s economic</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>- Ministerial Agreement No. 693-2014. - Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014-2023.</p>

<sup>5</sup> Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

<p>initiatives, which promote women's economic rights in their projects and programs activities.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b> 15% of governmental institutions and national mechanism</p>	<p>rights and to ensure compliance with the axis of Economic and Productive Development with equity of the National Policy for the Advancement and Integral Development of Women - PNPDIM- and Equal Opportunity to the Plan -PEO- 2008 - 2023 (SEPREM as the leading institution).</p>		<p>- Axis of Economic and Productive Development with Equity of the National Policy for the Advancement and Integral Development of Women - PNPDIM- and Equal Opportunity to the Plan -PEO- 2008 - 2023</p>
<p><b>Indicator 4.1.2</b> Percentage of public employees who increase their knowledge on rural women's economic rights and who participate in the process of developing policies, laws, regulations and programs.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Planned Target:</b> 50% of participants</p>	<p>3 staff from MAGA's Gender Unit. 2 staff at the management level (vice minister and minister) 60 planning staff from MAGA, and the Presidential Commission on Human Rights ("Human Rights, discrimination, racism, and economic empowerment of women - 2014").</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>Lists of participants.</p> <p>Graduation Act "Human Rights, discrimination, racism, and economic empowerment of women - 2014".</p>
<p><b>Outputs 4.1.1.</b> 4.1 Gender disaggregated data is increasingly available in reports produced by national institutions and academic/research organizations.</p>	<p>Unpaid household Module included in ENCOVI and ENEI 2014.</p> <p>Contribution of unpaid household to GDP estimated (Satellite Account).</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>ENCOVI &amp; ENEI 2014.</p>
<p>4.2 Communication campaigns and other activities raise awareness on rural women's economic rights.</p>	<p>Actions planned for 2015-2017.</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>4.3 Rural women make proposal on women's economic empowerment in municipal development plans.</p>	<p>Actions planned for 2015-2017.</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>***</p>
<p>4.4 Elected officials and policy makers receive policy advice to include the rights of rural women in policies, laws, regulations and programs related to rural economic development.</p>	<p>MAGA designed and approved, with the support of the Joint Programme, its Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014-2023.</p>	<p>There were no delays.</p>	<p>Ministerial Agreement No. 693-2014.</p> <p>Institutional Policy for Gender Equality and Strategic Implementation Framework 2014-2023.</p>

### iii) A Specific Story (Optional)

The testimony of María Elena Pop is attached. It was developed to introduce this Programme and present the challenges that the rural women faced as well as the challenge the Programme faced too.

#### **Problem / Challenge faced:**

Women has fewer opportunities to access productive services individually, without an organizational structure that support them. Therefore, the specialized technical assistance of each agency is essential for a successful economic empowerment programme.

#### **Result (if applicable):**

The *change* described, is not a result of the Programme intervention but is an example of the effect of other similar interventions and a lesson learned for this Programme.

#### **Lessons Learned:**

The work that each agency makes should be developed with organizational approach, to promote associative marketing and processing of household and backyard production that generate economic enterprises and help diversify women's income.

### III. Other Assessments or Evaluations (if applicable)

IFAD, with its experience in monitoring and evaluation processes, has coordinated a study which will allow the incorporation of the Women Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) with RIMS (Risk and Impacts Management) to the monitoring, evaluation and knowledge management programme system.

During the study, Analysis groups were developed where each agency contributed from its mandate and expertise.

### IV. Programmatic Revisions (if applicable)

During this reported period, the Programme did not have any major adjustments in strategies or key outcomes and outputs.

### V. Resources (Optional)

IFAD mobilized US\$65,000 to carry out the Simplification of Economic Empowerment in Agriculture Index study (WEAI).