

Measuring Women's Economic Empowerment

Case Study - Angola





WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

- Women Farmers Clubs since 2012, currently 4000 members
- Access to training, water, inputs, markets, capital
- 100% increase in modern farming techniques
- 200% increase in vegetable production
- Satisfaction and self confidence of women showed a general trend upwards from 2016 to 2020.
- Working with EMF WEE indicators since 2015





Key experiences

- Long term commitment allows M&E processes to be fully adopted by national and local staff.
- Data is collected by well trained local staff who can support participants to get quality data
- Low tech methods (so far) have kept focus on data rather than on technology
- Collecting data on satisfaction and self confidence has added new dimension to M&E
- Simple system compared to previous





Our Process

- Data collection team consists of project staff and local trainee teachers
- Training session annually to ensure enumerators:
 - fully understand all questions and can explain them in local languages
 - know how to assist respondents in answering certain questions, for example, how much they produce or how much they earn
 - Know how to fill in the questionnaire (on paper)
- Digitalization, analysis, reporting done at national level
- Reports fed back to Women Farmers' Club staff, used in planning sessions

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Wider Application

- ADPP is utilizing the approach in the Support to Angolan Women Farmers project, an alliance between USAID, ExxonMobil, Eni, and Grupo Simples. Technical support from the ExxonMobil Foundation in monitoring and evaluation forms part of the leveraged financing.
- ADPP has applied the approach to other project aimed at promoting economic empowerment of women or rural communities in general.
- ADPP carries out advocacy with relevant government of Angola ministries and other partners.





Next Steps

- Transition to digital collection of data tailored to local conditions
- More timely access to data for project staff
- Present results to project participants







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What I am most proud of is the zinc sheeting I managed to buy for my house. I am a widow and living in a grass house is synonymous with dependency. Whenever I needed grass to repair the roof I had to depend on other people or pay someone to cut the grass for me. Today, with my house covered in zinc sheets, I do not need to spend money on these things anymore.



