

# Resources

## RADIO

### Case Studies Agriculture on-air

Every month, an audio CD of interviews and a booklet of accompanying transcripts arrive in the post for broadcasters at 80 radio stations in Africa. Recorded by Africans for Africans, AGFAX monthly radio service, now in its 15th year, provides the latest information on agricultural and rural development to agricultural broadcasters and, through them, to millions of listeners across Africa.

[www.research4development.info](http://www.research4development.info)  
[www.agfax.net](http://www.agfax.net)

## FUNDRAISING

### African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) Small Grants Programme (SGP)

Supporting small, community/rural-based grassroots women's groups in Ghana, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria. The SGP also supports emerging or emergency issues. The AWDF funds work in six thematic areas: Women's Human Rights; Political Participation; Peace Building; Health, Reproductive Rights; HIV/AIDS; Economic Empowerment. Deadline: Rolling deadline

[www.cominit.com/en/node/267128/38](http://www.cominit.com/en/node/267128/38)  
[www.awdf.org](http://www.awdf.org)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Because I am a girl: Girls in the global economy 2009

This is the third in a series of annual reports published by Plan examining the rights of girls throughout their childhood, adolescence and as young women. Focusing on girls in the global economy, the report warns that failing to send girls to school is costing the world's poorest countries billions of pounds each year. No education means girls are confined to dangerous, unskilled work – neglecting their earning potential.

Plan, 2009 (306p)  
EN + FR summary  
<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources>

### Bridging the gap: FAO's programme for gender equality in agriculture and rural development

Women's empowerment and gender equality are fundamental to FAO's vision of a world free of hunger and malnutrition. This guide describes the gender dimensions of each of FAO's new strategic objectives, and FAO action to achieve gender equity in agriculture and rural development.

FAO, 2009 (36p) – EN+FR  
<ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/012/j1243e/j1243e00.pdf>

### Gender equity in agriculture and rural development agricultural growth and rural development

Gender equity means fairness and impartiality in the treatment of women and men, according to their respective needs. This is a quick guide to gender mainstreaming in FAO's new strategic framework.

FAO, 2009 (16p) – EN+FR  
<ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/012/j1240e/j1240e00.pdf>



### Lightening the Load. Labour saving technologies for rural women

Women are central to overcoming rural poverty. They play a critical role in poverty reduction and food security because they are responsible for both production and reproduction. Rural women in developing countries have longer working days than men because of their triple roles as farmers, caretakers of their families and cash earners through income-generating activities and micro-finance.

IFAD, January 2010 (76p)  
[www.ifad.org/gender/pub/load.pdf](http://www.ifad.org/gender/pub/load.pdf)

### Resource guide on gender and climate change

This resource guide aims to inform practitioners and policy makers of the linkages between gender equality and climate change and their importance in relation to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It makes the case for why it is necessary to include women's voices, needs and expertise in climate change policy and programming, and demonstrates how women's contributions can strengthen the effectiveness of climate change measures. As the world moves towards a new global agreement on climate change, it is critical that women contribute to the effort and that their perspectives are equally represented in the debate.

UNDP, 2009 (151p)  
[www.un.org/womenwatch](http://www.un.org/womenwatch)

### State of world population 2009 – Facing a changing world: women, population and climate Etat de la population mondiale 2009 – Face à un monde qui change: les femmes, la population et le climat

How do population dynamics affect greenhouse gases and climate change? Will urbanization and an ageing population help or hinder efforts to adapt to a warming world? What's the best way to protect humanity from extreme weather and rising seas? And could better access to reproductive health care and improved relations between men and women make a critical difference in addressing the challenge of climate change? The answers to these questions are found in The State of World Population 2009.

UNFPA, 2009 (EN+FR)  
[www.unfpa.org](http://www.unfpa.org)



Note: Most of the publications mentioned here are available on-line for free (unless otherwise specified). Most web links are too long to provide in their entirety. If the publications are hard to find on the organisations' websites, it usually suffices to do a google search.

◎ **The Power to Empower: Innovation to Transform Women's Lives**

In this new, groundbreaking study, ICRW examines how cutting-edge innovations can transform women's lives. The report analyzes how a variety of innovations that used technology, changed social norms and strengthened economic vitality have helped women. Researchers identified seven core approaches – or levers – needed for any innovation to create meaningful change for women. They include:

- Creating strategic partnerships among governments, the private sector and civil society.
- Including women in the design and implementation of innovative ideas.
- Having committed support from governments as well as efforts at the grassroots level.

ICTW, 2009 (20p)

[www.icrw.org/innovation/index.html](http://www.icrw.org/innovation/index.html)

◎ **Participation – Sharing our resources Resource CD on Participatory Approaches, Methods and Tools**

This CD presents a collection of 635 FAO full-text publications on “Participation in development” and a data base featuring 360 participatory approaches, methods and tools developed by FAO and other organizations. It is an updated version of a former CD-ROM on ‘Participatory Approaches’, issued by the FAO Participation Website Team of the Gender, Equity and Rural Development Division (ESW), and provides powerful search options which will help you find and access specific information. It is intended for use by field practitioners, development experts and researchers, but also organizations, communities and groups ranging from civil society to public and private sector. The CD-ROM includes three language versions (English, French and Spanish) and is available for free.

FAO, 2010

Request to [IWG-PA-Webbox@fao.org](mailto:IWG-PA-Webbox@fao.org) specifying who will use it and for which purpose.

## WEBSITES

◎ **New FAO Gender web site**

The website contributes to a series of world initiatives focused on food security, highlighting the crucial role of gender equity in the struggle against hunger and poverty.

FAO – English+French  
[www.fao.org/gender](http://www.fao.org/gender)

◎ **New FAO website on land tenure**

FAO recently put online a new website on land tenure. This website includes new publications, studies, policy notes, manuals, magazines, compendiums and CDROMs.

FAO – English+French  
[www.fao.org/nr/tenure/lt-home](http://www.fao.org/nr/tenure/lt-home)

◎ **UN Secretary General's database on VAW**

In March 2009, the Secretary General has launched a comprehensive, searchable database that provides information on legal, policy and institutional measures undertaken by UN Member States to address violence against women. The database includes information organized by country as well as a section on best practices, with a focus on laws, services and prevention.

[webappso1.un.org/uawdatabase/home.action](http://webappso1.un.org/uawdatabase/home.action)

◎ **GenderStats – World Bank**

GenderStats is a one stop source of information on gender.

[web.worldbank.org/genderstats](http://web.worldbank.org/genderstats)



## FAO to ‘blow the whistle’ on hunger

The world is a teeming, changing, often dangerous place. Natural disasters, accidents and war generate a never-ending stream of crisis. Public attention shifts from one to the next.

Hunger, a quiet crisis, is rarely in the news.

Yet current calculations show that close to a billion people worldwide are going hungry on a daily basis. At the rate things are going, the first of the Millennium Development Goals – the eradication of hunger and extreme poverty – will be missed by a long shot.

When we think about it, most of us feel frustration, indignation, even anger. If it were in our power to change things, we would act.

FAO – the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – is working with partners to mount a carefully orchestrated global

petition drive, challenging world leaders to put a rapid end to hunger.

Known as “The 1billionhungry project”, the campaign is an aggressive and surprising one, according to FAO communication officer Sharon Lee Cowan. “It offers a constructive outlet for those feelings of anger and indignation. It channels frustration and anger towards an ambitious but achievable objective.”

“We believe that people everywhere are ready to involve themselves in an international movement to eliminate hunger,” Cowan said. “Ready to add their names to a worldwide petition demanding that hunger be moved to the top of the international agenda. Demanding that national leaders make it their priority.”

To deliver a petition that is significant – during an official ceremony in October 2010 –

FAO aims to attract a minimum of one million signatures to the petition, but expects that the final tally will far exceed that goal.

Targeting primarily young people, “The 1billionhungry project” makes heavy use of online social networks. Street posters and megabanners will boost visibility in several key cities around the world. Creative development of the project was provided pro bono by McCann Erickson Italy.

Watch for the project's symbol: a big yellow whistle.

✱ **For more information and to sign on to the petition, visit: [www.1billionhungry.org](http://www.1billionhungry.org)**