



Core Set of Gender Indicators in Agriculture

Guide for the collection of sex disaggregated data in agriculture and rural areas

The FAO, in the effort to assist its Member countries, proposed a simple unified methodology to guide the collection and analysis of gender-sensitive data in agriculture: the Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis approach or SEAGA. This methodology has been instrumental by the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia in developing a core set of gender indicators for further integration into national agricultural statistical systems.

A number of practical SEAGA questions can be applied to compare women's and men's access to certain resources. The six basic questions that help to assess the socio-economic status of the women and men in agriculture and rural production are:

- ① **Who does what?**
- ② **Who owns what?**
- ③ **Who has access and controls what?**
- ④ **Who knows what?**
- ⑤ **Who benefits**
- ⑥ **Who should be included in development programmes?**

These questions, particularly the first three, are at the core of the gender analysis and, concerning the statistical sector, can help guide the identification of gender-sensitive indicators for the agricultural and rural sector.

The core set of gender indicators, responding to the data needs identified by member countries, includes 18 indicators useful to guide the collection of sex-disaggregated data in agriculture for a basic gender analysis of the sector. All indicators respond to the SEAGA question number six and one or more of the other SEAGA questions. The core set suggests using the agricultural holding as the statistical unit, but in some cases data will most likely be found for rural households.



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SEAGA questions

Gender indicator for the holding*

		Who does what? 1	Who owns what? 2	Who has access to /controls what? 3	Who knows what? 4	Who benefits? 5	Who should be included in development programmes? 6
1	Distribution of holdings by sex of the holder	●	●				●
2	Average size of the holder's household by sex of the holder	●	●				●
3	Average age of the holder and his/her household members by sex of the holder	●					●
4	Percentage of holdings with hired labour by sex of the holder	●					●
5	Percentage of holdings with the risk of food shortage by sex of the holder			●			●
6	Percentage of holdings with holder's education level over a certain level by sex of the holder			●	●		●
7	Percentage of holdings receiving agricultural extension services by sources of agricultural extension services and sex of the holder			●	●	●	●
8	Percentage of holdings participating in farmer organizations and cooperatives by sex of the holder			●	●		●
9	Average area of holding by land use type and sex of the holder	●					●
10	Average number of livestock by species and sex of the holder		●	●			●
11	Average area of forest and other wooded land as primary land use by sex of the holder		●	●			●
12	Average area of aquaculture by sex of the holder		●	●			●
13	Percentage of holdings with irrigated land by land use type and sex of the holder			●			●
14	Percentage of holdings using chemicals by type of chemicals and sex of holder			●			●
15	Percentage of holdings with selected machinery and equipment by sex of the holder		●	●			●
16	Percentage of holdings receiving credit for agricultural purposes by sex of the holder			●		●	●
17	Percentage of holdings by type of farming (crop - temporary, permanent -, livestock, aquaculture and forestry) and sex of the holder	●		●			●
18	Percentage of holdings with other gainful activity in the household by type of activity and sex of the holder	●		●			●

*Or household when no data for holding is available. In that case the holder should be substituted by the household head.