



Rural poverty reduction

Course: Understanding rural poverty



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This course is the first in the Rural Poverty Reduction series, and provides an overview of rural poverty, and why it is so important to overcome it in rural contexts. The course describes the key concepts and definitions of rural poverty and how it can be measured, its drivers and cross-cutting themes. Finally, it considers the connection with gender issues and the way that gender shapes the way poverty is experienced by rural people.



4 hours



Available in English

You will learn about

- Key concepts of rural poverty and the linkages between urban and rural context
- Monetary and non-monetary poverty measurements and indicators
- Drivers of rural poverty: assets, productivity and technology, social and human capital, environment and infrastructure
- The connections between rural poverty and cross-cutting themes: climate change, governance, migration, youth, nutrition and statistics
- The connections between gender and poverty

Who is the course for?

This e-learning course is intended to improve the knowledge and capacities of a range of professionals with roles in rural poverty reduction, including:

- Policymakers, policy administrators and policy officers
- Researchers
- Development practitioners
- Members of CSOs
- Media

Key partners

This course was developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC/UNDP) and with the contribution of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC/ILO).

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