Gender Research in WHEAT

Impact pathway

Integrating Gender in WHEAT

Enabling gender integration:
1. Gender Audit – situation analysis
2. Consolidation of m/w gender knowledge base and strategic gender research
3. Integration of gender in Research Management Framework, including gender screening and M&E
4. Tools, policies and capacity for gender integration

Integrating gender in projects:
- New projects:
  • Breeding, Crop mgmt., Seed systems, Socio-economics
  • Project formulation
  • Impact assessment studies
  • Adoption studies
  • Special studies

Vision
To strengthen the capacity of wheat Research for Development (R4D) to address issues of gender and social differentiation, ensuring that interventions promote gender equality and support the transformation of unequal gender norms and rights wherever possible.

Measures of Success:
1. Wheat R4D contributes to improved gender equality in wheat-based systems.
2. WHEAT projects systematically assess and address gender and social differentiation, which is articulated in gender commitments and budgeting throughout the project cycle.
3. Systems and procedures that guide and ensure the appropriate integration of gender in wheat R4D are broadly implemented.
4. Participatory research activities involve and collect feedback from female and male farmers of different ages/social groups as a standard procedure.
5. Systematic sex-disaggregation is used in data collection and analysis.
6. Strategic gender research and experiences from integrating gender in specific WHEAT projects combine to strengthen the gender-and-wheat evidence base, underpinning priority setting, targeting and wheat R4D progress along the impact pathways.

Implementation
• Status of WHEAT Gender Strategy: Formally approved, implementation initiated in 2013.
• Specific examples of progress to date include:
  - Completion of Gender Audit.
  - Completion of Scoping Study for the Integration of Gender and Social Equity in R4D on Wheat-Based Systems in South Asia.
  - Development of support tools for gender integration e.g. Protocol for gender disaggregated data collection and analysis; Guidelines for integration of gender considerations in participatory varietal selection (PVS); Gender in project proposal design.
  - Integration of gender concerns in new wheat R4D initiatives.

Highlights
In Bangladesh and Nepal, women are systematically involved in PVS for the selection of new varieties.

Female participation in Wheat Improvement Courses increased from 4% (2005-2010) to 24% (2011-2012). 50% of participants over the last two years were young scientists (MSc holders).

Implementation challenges
1. Capacity in term of knowledge/data, methods, subject matter expertise, as well as general gender awareness.
2. Limited frameworks and procedures that support catalytic gender mainstreaming.

Partnerships and Capacities
• Inter CRP/CGIAR Centers => Strategic, methodological and research collaboration (CGIAR Gender and Agricultural network, CCAFS, ICARDA, WorldFish, IFPRI, ICRISAT, CIFOR, IRRI, etc.)
• Non-CG development and research partners; NGOs, Universities => research, implementation, strategic guidance (Glasgow Caledonian University, Royal Tropical Institute, Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy)

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