

Training Materials on Gender (Rural Situations)

Project History

This project builds upon our experience with an earlier assignment. We developed three e-modules on Gender in Agricultural Value Chains with AgriProFocus, designed to be used by their International Gender Coaches.

While working on these modules, we became aware of the need for quality support for trainers working at village level. We decided to develop a proposal to see whether we could find funding and implementation partners.



We were very happy to receive enthusiastic responses from MINAGRI, RAB, the University of Rwanda, and organisations including RWAMREC, Women for Women and UN Women. The support shown by MIGEPROF was also very important in helping us to convince donors that this was a worthwhile project.

In the end, it was the Swiss Regional Cooperation Office Great Lakes, Rwanda who stepped in to agree our funding proposal in June 2017. We are most grateful to the Swiss for funding this innovative approach.

The steering committee

We started by creating a steering committee including key future users of the material. We also created a list of people who agreed to review draft material and comment on it. The steering committee consisted of the following people:

- 1. Kayilisa Caritas, Gender in Agriculture representative, MINAGRI
- 2. Redemptor Batete, Director of Gender Promotion, MIGEPROF
- 3. Emmanuel Ntagozera, Gender Mainstreaming Economic Cluster, MIGEPROF
- 4. Leonidas Dusengemungu, Gender Focal Point, RAB
- 5. Jean Claude Izamuhaye, Head of RAB Northern Region
- 6. Adusabire Marie Assumpta, responsible for training/farmer field schools, RAB
- 7. Valens Twagizihirwe, Project Manager, RICEM
- 8. David Muserwa, Executive Secretary, RWAMREC
- 9. Isimbi Roberte, Managing Director, FATE Consulting
- 10. Francois Ndwaniye, Assistant Lecturer, University of Rwanda, CAVM
- 11. Antoinette Uwimana, Country Director, Rwanda Women's Network
- 12. Denise Umwali wa Ngoga , Manager Social Empowerment Program, RWN
- 13. Annonciata Ndikumasabo, Senior Regional Governance Advisor, Swiss Confederation
- 14. Judith Kaitesi Katabarwa, National Coordinator, RWEE Joint Program, UN women
- 15. Sidonie Uwimpuhwe, Coordinator vulnerable women program, CARE
- 16. Josephine Uwamariya, Country director, ActionAid
- 17. James Butare, Head of Programmes, ActionAid

During the second half of 2017 and the first months of 2018, we visited a large number of organisations and interviewed a lot of people. Some agreed to be videoed.



The following organisations contributed to the project by sharing their expertise and resources, and by helping us to find suitable interviewees.

ACORD	Imbuto Foundation	RWAMREC
ActionAid	INADES	Rwanda Agricultural Board
AMIR	International Alert	Rwanda Management Institute
CARE	Local Government Institute	Rwanda Women's Network
FAO	MAJ	TROCARE
GIZ	MIGEPROF	University of Rwanda CAVM
GMO	MINAGRI	UN Women
Hagaruka	RALGA	YMCA

What materials have we created?

Four e-modules for professional staff

- The Difference Between Gender and Sex
- Introduction to Gender in Agriculture
- Facilitating Discussions on Gender
- Dealing with GBV in Your District

A collection of downloadable cartoons, exercises, videos and infographics for field trainers

All materials are designed to help trainers to deliver impactful, interactive lessons. Subjects covered include:

- 1. The Difference Between Gender and Sex
- 2. Gender-Based Violence
- 3. Positive Masculinity
- 4. Women Empowerment
- 5. Gender in the Rural Household (Renegotiating Role Division)
- 6. Gender in Credit and Finance

Free to use for everyone

As of July 2018, the material is freely available to all trainers and professionals working in agriculture in Rwanda.

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We hope that you will enjoy them.

Want to share your own gender training materials?

We would love to add further materials to our gender resources. Please contact us to discuss how we can collaborate.