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Abstract

The role of woman in the agricultural sector, especially as keepers of small livestock such as sheep and goats, greatly increases world food security by improving the health and livelihood of individual families. Studies by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) confirm that while women are the mainstay of small-scale agriculture, farm labor force and day-to-day family subsistence, they have more difficulties than men in gaining access to resources such as land and credit and other productivity enhancing inputs and services (Women and Sustainable Food Security, 1996). Recent statistics also point to the fact that the percentage of women who experience poverty is greater than that of men. Hunger and malnutrition affect more than 780 million people in the developing world; 550 million rural women live below the poverty line in their respective countries.



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