A holistic, integrated approach to accelerate rural women’s empowerment: the JPRWEE case

This side event will showcase results and emerging lessons from the Joint Programme on Accelerating Rural Women’s Economic Empowerment (JP RWEE), focusing on the programme’s contribution to rural women’s food security and nutrition, income generation, leadership and, hence, sustainable development. Furthermore, the event will call for additional financial support and commitment for the JP RWEE as a key initiative to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Format
Panelists will share experiences related to the challenges facing rural women, and where successful solutions have been found. Discussions will identify good practices, key actions and next steps to accelerate progress towards rural women’s economic empowerment with the support of partners and funding.

Background
There is increasing evidence that an integrated approach to women’s empowerment in development projects has multiplying effects, making the outcomes of projects more far-reaching and sustainable. This is so due to two main factors. First, women often have more to gain from approaches that focus on life skills such as nutrition education, literacy training, financial education, income generation, entrepreneurship and social empowerment. Second, integrated projects tend to be more efficient, either because they use the same extension system and support network to deliver multiple trainings and inputs, or affecting several aspects of community life through a single intervention.

Based on these premises, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the World Food Programme (WFP) and UN Women have established a 5-year results-oriented, collaborative programme, the JP RWEE.

The programme responds to the diversity of challenges that rural women face, which go beyond the mandate of any individual UN entity. By bringing together their expertise, resources, experiences and constituencies, the four UN agencies are able to greatly enhance the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of their work to achieve a greater impact on rural women’s lives.

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