



Kosovo Women's Network

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KOSOVO GENDER PROFILE: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL LIVELIHOODS

SUMMARY OF METHODOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is implementing a Regional Allocation Project “Assessment on digital agriculture, gender and youth in rural Kosovo for economic inclusiveness”. It seeks to improve knowledge on the state of digitalization and gender-related issues in Kosovo. The purpose is to propose specific, strategic recommendations, including gender-responsive strategies, towards sustainable and transformative agri-food systems and women's empowerment in the agriculture sector. Evidence-based recommendations will seek to advance gender equality and women's economic empowerment in agriculture and rural development, as well as to inform inclusive digital strategies. Kosovo's Gender Profile on Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods will be produced to synthesize findings and address the identified data gaps on gender issues.

FAO has partnered with the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) to collaborate in preparing Kosovo's Gender Profile on Agriculture and Rural Livelihoods, following the FAO methodology on preparing Country Gender Assessments (CGAs). The Profile will include gender analysis of the legal framework, knowledge, land ownership, access to and control over resources, participation in formal and informal income-generation activities, and decision-making in agriculture and other thematic areas. Notably, in the context of the EU Accession process, such gender analysis can inform government policies as well as EU and other funders' investments related to the agriculture sector.

The analysis is being prepared in close consultation with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development and the Initiative for Agriculture Development in Kosovo (IADK). It is being implemented by KWN with funding from FAO. This document summarises the methodology.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of this research is to reduce rural poverty towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The anticipated outcome is: “Assessment and recommendations for advancing gender equality and women economic empowerment in agriculture and rural development prepared and a framework for inclusive digital strategy is drafted in Kosovo.” The specific objectives of the research have been formulated into research questions to be addressed through the research methods described in the next section.

METHODOLOGY

Research Questions

The overall research question is: To what extent do diverse women and men's access to assets, beliefs and perceptions, practices and participation, and related power affect their active engagement in productive, time-saving agricultural work and income generation? The related sub-research questions will seek to respond to each of the research objectives. They include:

- 1.1. How do diverse women and men's involvement in unpaid work differ, including agricultural work on family farms?
- 1.2. How do diverse women and men's time use differ in rural households?
2. To what extent do diverse women and men have access to time-saving and productive infrastructure and technologies?
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- 4.1. To what extent are diverse women and men using digitalization in their work in rural economies?
- 4.2. What challenges do women face in accessing time-saving, productive infrastructure, technologies, and income generation opportunities, including related to digitalization?
5. How has COVID-19 impacted agriculture production and income generation activities at the household level?
6. To what extent do women have access to support networks, leadership opportunities, and life outside the home?

Research Methods and Data Sources

The research will employ mixed methods, which can contribute to the validity of the findings through triangulation of researchers and findings resulting from the use of different methods and data sources. The methods will include:

- A desk review of existing literature, institutional data, and statistics.
- A representative Kosovo-wide face-to-face household survey will be conducted with an estimated 803 households, including adult women and men of all ethnicities in all 38 municipalities of Kosovo. The survey will use Eurostat and European Institute for Gender Equality questions pertaining to time use, labour, health, and safety at work, enabling comparisons with other countries.
- Focus group discussions with diverse women and men in different areas.
- In-depth interviews with at least 20 diverse women representing diverse regions, municipalities, ages, and ethnic groups in Kosovo. Key Informant Interviews will be conducted with relevant officials at local and national levels; civil society organisations; and other knowledgeable experts in rural economies, agriculture, and digitalisation.

The household survey will be conducted in March 2022, with the gender analysis completed in June 2022.

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