

## Practical methods for exploring gender relations in maize seed systems for Sub-Saharan Africa

**Project Title:** P968 - Implementing Adoption/Impact and Learning portfolio in MAIZE AFS, including syntheses, new studies/methods, resource mobilization and inter-CRP collaboration

**Description of the innovation:** A major challenge for gender work in maize seed systems has been the lack of effective methods for dealing with the complex issues at play. In Kenya, we used vignettes and storyboards to capture decision-making dynamics around plot management. The use of vignettes eliminates invasive survey questions and reduces the likelihood of tension arising from research participation. We expect to apply this method across other types of seed systems in S Asia and E Africa.

**New Innovation:** Yes

**Stage of innovation:** Stage 1: discovery/proof of concept (PC - end of research phase)

**Innovation type:** Social Science

**Geographic Scope:** Regional

**Number of individual improved lines/varieties:** <Not Applicable>

**Region:**

- Sub-Saharan Africa

**Description of Stage reached:** The vignettes work has been applied in Kenya in 2020, with research outputs to be delivered in 2021. We expect to apply this method across other types of seed systems in India in wheat in 2021.

**Name of lead organization/entity to take innovation to this stage:** CIMMYT - Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo / International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center

**Names of top five contributing organizations/entities to this stage:** <Not Defined>

**Milestones:** No milestones associated

**Sub-IDs:**

- 36 - Gender-equitable control of productive assets and resources

**Contributing Centers/PPA partners:**

- CIMMYT - Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo / International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center

**Evidence link:**

- <https://doi.org/10.1177/00307270211058208>
- <https://tinyurl.com/y92shjml>

**Deliverables associated:** <Not Defined>

**Contributing CRPs/Platforms:**

- Maize - Maize