

## WEAI Is.....

A tool created to track multi-dimensional changes in women's empowerment levels as a direct or indirect result of development initiatives. The adapted WEAI is an aggregate index of:

- 90% 6 Dimensions of Empowerment (Production, Resources, Income, Leadership, Time and Health\*)
- 10% Gender Parity Index (GPI)

## Miriam's\*\* empowerment score



\*The health dimension is not in the original index  
 \*\*Miriam is not her true name

## Juhudi Kilimo Trust

- Juhudi Kilimo Trust provides market driven wealth creating financial services that empower small holder farmers and rural enterprises to create sustainable agri-business and improve recipients' livelihoods
- The Trust offers 3 types of loans: livestock, agricultural equipment and farm transport
- These assets also double as collateral for the loan taken
- Other services include: training farmer groups, asset insurance, linking farmers to extension services

## The index shows:

- % of empowered men and women
- % of disempowered men and women and domains in which they were most empowered or disempowered
- Extent of disempowerment by indicator and domain

## WEAI scores

Category	With FHH	Without FHH
Taken loans	0.74	0.70
Not taken loans	0.71	0.71

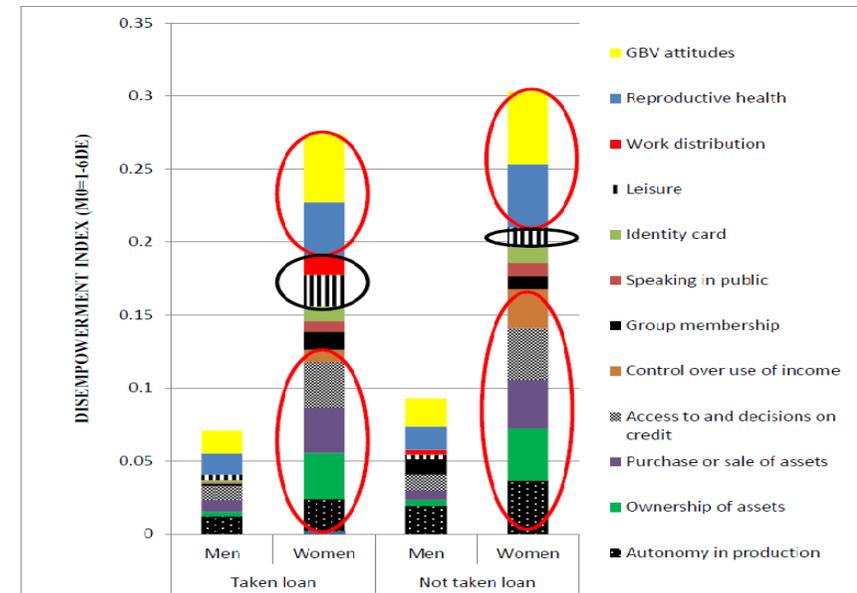
## Conclusion

- Inclusion of FHH in calculating 6DE resulted in higher WEAI scores among those with loans
- This finding supports the theory that FHH are more empowered than women from MHH

## Methodology

- Quantitative data was collected through an intra-household survey. Primary males and females from male headed households and *de jure* female heads households were interviewed.
- Qualitative data was obtained through in-depth case study interviews for selected women.
- Total households=111; Male headed households (MHH)=95, Female headed households (FHH)=16
- Beneficiaries=82HH, Non-beneficiaries=29HH

## Empowerment scores



- An individual was considered empowered if they achieved adequacy in 4/6 dimensions or 67% from weighted indicators
- Empowered beneficiaries (taken loans) M-81.2% W-42.9%
- Non-beneficiaries (not taken loans) M-76.9% W-36%