

TOOLKIT FOR MEASURING EFFECTIVE VOICE AND AGENCY OF WOMEN

Toolkit for conceptualizing and measuring effective voice and agency of women in climate-related governance at the individual and group levels.

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1st Edition

*Awubu Damba, one of the Africa RISING women farmers from Cheyohi No. 2 Community in the Northern Region of Ghana.
(Photo: Jonathan Odhong/IITA).*

This CGIAR innovation provides a comprehensive framework and set of tools for conceptualizing and measuring women's empowerment in governance, focusing on individual and collective agency beyond the household. Grounded in Kabeer's empowerment framework, it highlights the interplay of resources, agency, and achievements at both individual and group levels. The toolkit operationalizes key concepts such as collective efficacy, action, and achievements, integrating tangible and intangible resources like social capital. Case studies from India, Guatemala, Uganda, and Nigeria illustrate its application, providing nuanced insights into how group dynamics, organizational structures, and decision-making processes shape empowerment outcomes. The innovation bridges gaps in understanding collective agency, offering participatory and mixed-method tools for analyzing women's roles in climate-related governance and other domains. By advancing measurement and application, this toolkit empowers practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to foster gender-equitable governance systems that enhance women's voice, agency, and community impact.

INITIATIVES, PARTNERS AND ESTIMATED USD INVESTMENT

LEAD INITIATIVE

✂ INIT26: **Gender Equality** - Harnessing Gender and Social Equality for Resilience in Agrifood Systems **(\$500K)**

CONTRIBUTING CENTRES

✂ IFPRI – International Food Policy Research Institute

Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT – Headquarter (Bioversity International)

BILATERAL PROJECTS

MAGNET – Measure for Advancing Gender Equality

EGAP – Evidence in Governance and Politics - Metaketa Initiative

PARTNERS INVOLVED

The World Bank – Innovation partner

Berkeley University of California – Innovation partner

University of California, San Diego – Innovation partner

ActionAid International – Scaling, Demand, Innovation partner

Evidence in Governance and Policy – Innovation partner

Pan Africa Bean Research Alliance – Scaling, Demand, Innovation partner



THIS INNOVATION IS CHARACTERIZED AS

Incremental Innovation

Innovations that already exist and undergo constant, steady progress and improvement.



THE NATURE OF THIS INNOVATION IS

Policy/Organizational/Institutional Innovation

Innovations that create enabling conditions, including policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks; business models; finance mechanisms; partnership models; public/private delivery strategies.

IMPACT AREAS



Nutrition tag
0 - Not Targeted



Poverty tag
1 - Significant



Gender tag
2 - Principal



Climate tag
1 - Significant



Environment tag
0 - Not Targeted



ANTICIPATED INNOVATION USER(S)

ORGANIZATIONAL CLIENTS



Researchers

Sex and age disaggregation does not apply



Policy actors (public or private)

♀ Non-youth

ORGANIZATIONS

Research organizations and universities

General: 🌐 International

Non-Governmental Organizations

General: 🌐 International 📍 Local

Government

📖 Subnational

RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION

PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSIVITY

-  Dedicated CGIAR GESI expert on innovation development team
-  Engaging diverse innovation use groups in innovation development

LIMIT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

-  No negative consequences or impacts expected

INNOVATION TEAM DIVERSITY

-  Gender diversity
-  Diversity in years of experience
-  Disciplinary diversity
-  Regional diversity

**THIS INNOVATION IS EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOLLOWING IMPACTS**

CGIAR IMPACT AREAS & COLLECTIVE GLOBAL TARGETS



SDGs AND SDG TARGETS



DEVELOPED, TESTED AND/OR SCALED ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES





Abena Batige, a farmer in Goriyiri Community in Upper West Region of Ghana. Abena is testing the cowpea living mulch technology this year (2017). (Photo: Jonathan Odhong/IITA)



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MORE INFORMATION

WEBSITES AND DOCUMENTATION

- Power with: conceptualizing and measuring women's collective agency
- Gender in rural institutions and governance: A review of existing tools

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CURRENT INNOVATION READINESS

9

PROVEN INNOVATION

The innovation is validated for its ability to achieve a specific impact under uncontrolled conditions

8

UNCONTROLLED TESTING

The innovation is being tested for its ability to achieve a specific impact under uncontrolled conditions

7

PROTOTYPE

The innovation is validated for its ability to achieve a specific impact under semi-controlled conditions

6

SEMI-CONTROLLED TESTING

The innovation is being tested for its ability to achieve a specific impact under semi-controlled conditions

5

MODEL/EARLY PROTOTYPE

The innovation is validated for its ability to achieve a specific impact under fully-controlled conditions

4

CONTROLLED TESTING

The innovation is being tested for its ability to achieve a specific impact under fully-controlled conditions

3

PROOF OF CONCEPT

The innovation's key concepts have been validated for their ability to achieve a specific impact

2

FORMULATION

The innovation's key concepts are being formulated or designed

1

BASIC RESEARCH

The innovation's basic principles are being researched for their ability to achieve a specific impact

0

IDEA

The innovation is at idea stage

INNOVATION READINESS JUSTIFICATION

The concept exists and has been successfully implemented in the four pilot countries (Nigeria, Guatemala, India, Uganda).

EVIDENCE

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