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Acronyms and abbreviations

CelAgrid	Centre for Livestock and Agriculture Development, Cambodia
ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute
NAHPRI	National Animal Health and Production Research Institute, Cambodia
SFFF	Safe Food, Fair Food
USAID	United States Agency for International Development

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Introduction

The training workshop was offered by ILRI in response to an important component of the Safe Food, Fair Food (SFFF) for Cambodia project on gender equity in the pork value chain in Cambodia.

In Cambodia, most animal-source food products are produced by smallholders, many of them women, and sold in traditional open markets where women also predominate as retailers. However, value chain interventions have tended to favour men because they control the money from sales. Women who do much of the work are poorly recognized and receive fewer benefits. Integrating gender in programs and projects aims to reduce gender gaps and enhance women's participation in the economic development and women's empowerment.

As such, an important component of the SFFF for Cambodia projects is understanding the gender issues that will allow pork production and consumption to become safer. This covers both the more practical understanding of the diverse gender roles being played in pork but also how to empower men and women both to profit from pork.

The objectives of the workshop are:

- For the whole team to understand and be comfortable with the concepts and terminology of gender, so as to have a common understanding of the issues;
- To identify with the team the emerging gender issues and solutions that need to be addressed in the project;
- To identify the capacity within the team to support the gender work;
- To develop a gender activity plan, identifying responsibilities and interlinkages between various outputs within the project;

It is expected that at the end of the workshop participants would (i) increase their general understanding on gender issues as well as their capacity to address more specific gender issues related to livestock projects and programmes, (ii) get knowledge on how to carry out gender analysis to effectively and efficiently work with rural men and women to respond to their different needs, priorities and constraints at the grassroots level. This enhanced gender analysis capacity will benefit future planning, implementation and monitoring of livestock projects and programmes.

Workshop sessions

The workshop was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 22-23 January 2018 and organized by ILRI in partnership with the Cambodia National Animal Health and Production Research Institute (NAHPRI) and the Centre for Livestock and Agriculture Development (CelAgrid). There were nine trainees (6 male and 3 female) drawn from research, academia, universities, state agencies and NGOs.

Day 1 was designed to introduce the participants to the general concepts about gender and sex, provide a background on both livestock and livelihoods in Cambodia, as well as gender issues in the country. It was emphasized that little data are available specifically related to gender and livestock in these countries, and that much future research on this topic needs to be conducted. The afternoon session included practical exercise on analysing livestock value chains for gender constraints and opportunities based on knowledge gained from the morning session. They started to map out the work areas and identifying gender gaps and opportunities for project interventions. Participants were encouraged to think of how each of the workshop sessions could be applied to their work and how best to share the workshop information with colleagues.

Day 2 focused on engaging participants in learning about the importance of gender analysis, why and how it can be done, and providing tools in doing simple gender analysis. Participants learned methods of analysis through specific livestock case studies, how to integrate gender issues into project design and evaluation, as well as participatory strategies for more effectively engaging women in the projects' activities. Participants also had a look at some specific entry points to gender and food safety related to safe pork. The final session engaged participants in setting up the plan of action to cover and integrate gender issues into their livestock project.

Workshop facilitator

The training was facilitated by Nicoline de Haan, senior researcher and leader of the gender team at ILRI. She has over 15 years of expertise in gender, rural livelihoods, agriculture and natural resource management. Before ILRI, she led the work on gender, poverty and institutions under the CGIAR research program on Water, Land and Ecosystems examining the implications of inequity in access and control over natural resources, and finding options to ensure inclusive benefit sharing. At the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations she led the global socio-economic team on animal health, where her main responsibility was reducing the impact of animal diseases on the livelihoods of smallholders. She has a master's in development sociology from Wageningen Agricultural University and a PhD in rural sociologist from University of Missouri, Colombia. Email: n.dehaan@cgiar.org

Workshop program

Time	Activity
DAY 1	
08:30 – 09:00	Introduction and welcome
09:00 – 10:00	Introduction to gender concepts: A series of exercise to introduce people to and get them conversant with concepts so they will know how to frame the gender work within SafePork
10:00 – 10:30	HEALTH BREAK
10:30 – 11:30	Continued work on gender concepts
11:30 – 12:30	Using knowledge to map livestock value chains: Based on the knowledge developed in previous work and on the knowledge in the room, the task would be to map out the value chain
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 15:00	Introduction of gender into the livestock value chain
15:00 – 15:30	HEALTH BREAK
15:30 – 16:30	Gender in safe pork: Using the days' knowledge to start mapping out the areas of work and identifying gaps and opportunities of work within safe pork
DAY 2	
8:30 – 9:00	Recap and introduction to day 2
9:00 – 11:30 (including break)	Gender analysis and gender in the research/field: Based on the outputs of day 1, develop a session on the actual work and some approaches for field work for the staff. This will also be tailored to what they know, and the type of field work we anticipate.
11:30 – 12:30	Food safety: Looking at some of the entry points specific to gender and food safety related to safe pork
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 14:30	Understanding gender in the project cycle and in policy: Both will be more generic but provide a good basis for people to understand the bigger picture of gender and also move into how we can put gender in policy work.
14:30 – 15:00	HEALTH BREAK
15:00 – 16:30	Plan of action: At the end of the day there will be a plan of action on how to cover gender within the project. The exercise will also identify responsibilities and next steps.
16:30 – 17:00	Closing and handing out of certificates

List of trainees

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Theng Heng	F		NAHPRI
San Sopher	M	Genetic	NAHPRI
Seh Somaly	M		NAHPRI
Toeuv Davin	F		NAHPRI
Sek Ratha	M	Researcher	Royal University of Agriculture
Chhay Ty	M	Deputy Director	Centre for Livestock and Agriculture Development (CelAgrid)
Vor Sina	M	Researcher	CelAgrid
Pok Samkol	M		CelAgrid