

Guideline for Court Yard Session

Blue Gold Project



Guideline for Court Yard Session

Blue Gold Project

Dhaka Bangladesh

Objective: To sensitize and motivate men and women for active participation of women in WMG and community.

Question year for conduct CYS.

1. Why both men and women should become WMG members?
2. Benefit for both to be involved in income generating or productive activities that increase production or income.
3. Benefit for join decision making on spending household income
4. Benefit for women leadership in WMG and household and community.
5. What are the constraints and challenge for women and how can they overcome the constraints and challenge?

Background:

1. Why both men and women should become WMG member and what is the benefit?

Reason:

- Personal interest and benefit of women
- Benefit for husband/HH
- Benefit for Community
- Benefit for WMG

Personal interest and benefit of women

- Women can Interaction with other people
- Access to information and learning
- Opportunities for collective action (Input buying and product selling)
- Women can increase mobility and build linkage with other people.
- Opportunities to develop leadership
- Women will understand the role and function of WMG
- Better understanding of improve livelihood through water management.

Benefit for House hold (husband and wife)

- Increased knowledge of women will contribute to improve agriculture (crop and livestock production) and hence contribute to higher income.
- Involving women will improve decision making at house hold level
- Women who are well informed can work with their husband to develop better linkage with supplier and other market actors.
- Reduce expenditure at house hold level through increased homestead cultivation and production.
- Increase income by selling of surplus product (Vegetable/ egg /fish)
- Increase mobility of women will contribute to the family welfare as women are able to go to places health centers market on their own when needed.
- Women can better manage the farm if husbands are absent or not available.

Benefit for community

- Women can share knowledge/information with neighbor and other people
- Women can play a more active role in DRR activities.
- Active women will be a role model for other women and girl in the community.

- Women who are more active in their own community and will take new initiative with other community people.
- Creating potential for women's leader in union Parishad.
- More women becoming available to take up wage labor.

Benefit for WMG

Both men and women have the right to take part in decision making process at the WMG

-In absence/migration of husband, women can represent the family.

Women can also contribute to the WMG because –

- Women can play a role in team building and conflict reduction
- Women are often more accurate /honest as a cashier
- Women can contribute to part of the maintenance of the embankment
- Women are often highly motivated to also discuss drinking water.

What are the Constrains and challenge for women to become WMG leader?

- Husband and other family members do not allow women to go outside.
- Women are overloaded with household activities.
- Social constrains for women's mobility.
- Lack of knowledge and information about WMG s and their activities.
- Inconvenient time and place for women
- Transportation problem and lack of money to pay for transport
- Religious barrier for women to go outside.

How to overcome the challenge /Constrains

- Detail discuss with men and women about WMG purpose and activities.
- Men should counsel and motivate to come WMG member and take up leadership.

Why women are not taking leadership in WMG?

- Women feel shy to other people.
- Male friendly environment within WMG.
- Male don't take easily that women become leader.
- Husband and other family member do not allow women to take any responsibility
- After meeting WMG member tend to tease the women.
- Lack of confidence by women
- Lack of information about WMG activities
- Social and religious challenge.

How can we overcome the situation and promote that women will become more involved in the decision making process and takes leadership?

- Create women friendly environment(men take women seriously)
- Involve women in joint decision making in family, WMG and community.
- Inspiration from men for women to participate in the decision making process.
- Men help women to take leadership.
- Male members provide support to women interested to be active in WMG
- Increase women's mobility by supporting her to go out on her own.
- Link with other organizations, Gov. department and service providers
- Ensure effective women's involvement in productive work / income generating activities.
- Reduce household work load for women by sharing such tasks with men.

What is the benefit For Join decision making?

- Livelihood situation will improve like family nutrition, child education and medical situation.
- Save money and time
- Mutual respect and mutual understanding will increase
- Women feel more self confidence in household, WMG and community
- Women and men can better save money for future.

