

Annex 24.2 Outreach of BGP to women: estimate of women who became empowered due to BGP activities

Criteria (at least one to be met):

1. Women who got more knowledge and skills, and did apply
2. Women whose income increased / contributed to increased hh income --> more decision-making and increased well-being
3. Women in leadership positions, other than being "paper members"
4. Women who increased interactions with others, improved mobility and with greater social networks

NB: women who only became WMG member, without participating in other activities, are excluded, as WMG membership alone seems not enough to become empowered. The same applies for women who only attended Farmers Fields Days or other demonstrations.

Activity	# of women participants	Assumption on % of women being empowered	Basis for assumption	# of women empowered	factor to compensate multiple participation	Net # of women empowered	Explanation for multiple participation factor (women participating in more than one activity)
Women in homestead FFS (cycle 1 - 15)	25,856	0.75	At end of these FFS uptake was often 80-90%, but not all women continued applying; in later cycles women better empowered due to inclusion of gender messages	19392	0.95	18422	Women should have participated in only one FFS group, however, some multiple participation seems to have occurred
Women in crop FFS, but mainly involved in homestead and nutrition modules	24,600	0.65	Specific modules for women, more stereotype, hence somewhat lower % of women empowered than in above homestead FFS	15990	0.95	15191	see above
Women in CAWM FFS	3,550	0.75	CAWM FFS were held for aman and rabi crops, hence longer duration and higher empowerment rate than above	2663	0.95	2529	see above
Women in market oriented FFS (MFS)	1,131	0.85	Each women structurally participated in MFS on 2 topics, hence higher rate of empowerment	961	0.95	913	see above
Women in EC positions in the 511 WMGs in 2019	2,044	0.85	Due to women quota, not all women are automatically empowered, but in recent years better than in first years of BGP	1737	0.75	1303	some overlap (estimated 25%) assumed with women who participated in FFS
Women in EC positions in first years of BGP time (when 370 WMGs)	1,480	0.65	In first years of BGP some female EC members were only in place due to quota	962	0.75	722	some overlap (estimated 25%) assumed with women who participated in FFS
WMG members benefiting from WMG credits for productive activities (IGA)	5,252	0.7	women who got increased income and otherwise empowered by using the credit	3676	0.5	1838	many women (estimate: 50%) who took a loan might have participated in an FFS
Women participating in collective actions for economic activities	25,252	0.9	high proportion empowered as more income / less costs and more interactions / networking	22727	0.5	11363	Many women participating in Collective Actions are likely to also have been in FFS
Women in FFS / MFS exchanges (horizontal learning)	7,691	0.3	This is only a single visit, and women may easily be passive participants	2307	0.8	1846	Most participants in FFS exchanges did not participate in FFS or other BGP activities
Women earning from LCS work	10,766	0.5	This is not empowering for all LCS women, assumed 50% (adjust after review LCS study)	5383	0.7	3768	Some overlap with FFS participants
Women in GLD training old approach (3 days)	699	0.75	Not all women applied what they learned	524	0.3	157	Most women already counted as WMG EC member; remaining were non-EC members with potential
Women in new GLD training	9384	0.75	Majority of women take up gender messages due to 5 sessions	7038	0.9	6334	Women selected who did not participate in other BGP activities
Women in gender courtyard session (1 time event)	28,396	0.25	Not enough to empower most women participants, but was an eye-opener and inspiration to participate in other BGP activities	7099	0.5	3550	It is assumed that half of the CYS women who got empowered also participated in other BGP activities
Women in market linkages and women's empowerment training (2 days)	172	0.9	High proportion of women actually empowered, also due to selection	155	0.9	139	women selected who did not participate in other BGP activities
Joint UP-BGP workshops on women's empowerment	120	0.9	strong emphasis on empowerment message, plus handing out seeds, plus follow-up support	108	0.9	97	women selected who did not participate in other BGP activities
Total						68173	

Conclusion: with 185,000 households in BGP polders, women in more than one third (37 %) of all households were empowered to at least some extent, assuming one woman / hh

Sources of data:

Homestead FFS participants: From dataset on all homestead FFS cycles (1-15)

Women's participation in training: From training data in chapter 31 on Capacity Building

Other data: Mostly from the WMG Tracker Report of June 2019.