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WEBINAR CHAT TRANSCRIPT

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Rufaro Mavhera: im here with Thandolwenkosi and Mercy who had registered to be part of the webinar

Reena Borwankar: Hi - sorry had it on my calendar as 9am. Will be back in a bit

Sophie Romana: good morning

Jennifer Kuzara: Hello everyone, this is Jennifer Kuzara from USAID/Somalia.

Patricia Biermayr-Jenzano: Patricia from Georgetown

Osagie Aimiuwu: Osagie Aimiuwu, USAID/Bangladesh

Sophie Romana: Sophie Romana from Oxfam America

Cecilia Ragazzi: Cecilia Ragazzi from Mercy Corps DRC

Mark Adams: Mark Adams from Caritas Scotland (SCIAF)

Susan Bonney: Hello everyone, Susan Bonney from USAID/Ghana

Ernest Dube: Ernest Dube from Feed The Future Zimbabwe Livestock Development Program

Kathleen Ragsdale: Kathleen Ragsdale from the Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University. I'm on a FTF Soy Innovation Lab project and we've implemented the WEAI in Ghana and Mozambique. Glad to be here!

Zachary Baquet: Good Morning from DC! Zachary Baquet with USAID

amaia bessouet: Hi everyone, Livelihoods and Nutrition technical advisor at IRC - International Rescue Committee based in NYC

Melanie Berman: Melanie Berman from Winrock International

Martina Mascarenhas: Martina Mascarenhas- Communications and KM Coordinator for the CGIAR Gender Network

John Callanta: John Callanta from USAID Afghanistan, Office of Agriculture

Stacie Irwin: Hi all - Stacie Irwin, Regional Director of Programs for VOTO Mobile in West Africa

Sarah Kozyn: Good morning, all. Sarah Kozyn from Abt Associates in DC.

Daniella De Franco: Daniella De Franco from TechnoServe in Nicaragua

Trent Blare: Good morning everyone, Markets and Value Chain Specialist at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) in Lima Peru

Rachel Boketa: Hi everyone, Rachel Boketa, Gender Specialist with USAID DRC

Stacy Cummings: Good Morning: Stacy Cummings from USAID Feed the Future Knowledge Driven Agriculture Development (KDAD).

Christine Ohresser-Joumard: good morning from Abt Associates

Linda Sussman: Good morning. The survey question regarding technical area of expertise includes responses for "health and Nutrition" and for "Gender", but nor for "Family Planning and Reproductive Health"?

Silvia Petrova: Good morning everyone. Silvia Petrova from LTRM office at USAID, geospatial analyst with interest in gender, serving also as a gender POC for the office

Eva Kassara: Goodmorning, its Eva Kassara from Michigan State University.

Siera Vercillo: Good morning! My name is Siera I am coming from the University of Western Ontario interested in using WEAI as part of my doctoral dissertation research in the spring in northern Ghana - please share resources I can use to help get me on my way

Regina Brown: Cadre Senegal Thies, Senegal

Claire Baker: Good morning from Montana, USA. I'm with Biotech Investments/Montana State University. We are working on Striga control with women smallholder farmers.

Amanda Davvey: Hello! Amanda Davey from The Ohio State University, Ohio

Hritika Rana: Hello Everyone, I am Hritika Rana from Kathmandu University, Nepal.

Naomi Leach: Hi, Naomi Leach from Farm Africa

Woubedle Alemayehu: Hi, Woubedle Alemayehu from Social Impact

Sarah Mills: Hello, Sarah Mills from iDE UK, we are using the WEAI in some of our projects in Nepal and have piloted an adapted version in Zambia

Patrice Hakizimana: Patrice from USAID Rwanda Mission

Cecilia Gonzalez: I am with CRS, Baltimore, joining from Nairobi

Paige Enfinger: Hello all, Paige here, doing research for my masters thesis on womens empowerment and food security, looking at adapting WEAI to understand gender in market access for food security assessments in West Africa

Arwen Bailey: Hello. Arwen Bailey from Bioversity International (CGIAR Center)

Dawn Murdock: Dawn Murdock from Episcopal Relief & Development

Anne Swindale: Hello everyone I'm from the BFS M&E team here in Washington DC

Martina Bennett: Martina Bennett, Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Advisor with Mercy Corps, connecting from Kathmandu

Emily: For those of you who plan to use the WEAI in West Africa, there are materials developed in French.

Leif Jensen: Leif Jensen at Penn State with colleagues Ann Tickamyer and Carolyn Sachs

ando mariot radanielson: my name is Ando from IRRI Philippines working in agricultural research and development

Mary Crave: Mary Crave and colleagues with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Cecilia Addae: Hi, I am with Africa Lead, DAI, USAID

Chiara Kovarik: Hi all - happy to be joining to help answer questions!

Chiara Kovarik: Joining from the WEAI team at IFPRI

Sophie Romana: From Oxfam America we have Program, M&E and Private Sector participants delighted to attend the webinar

Alessandra Garbero: Alessandra Garbero, from IFAD

Matt Curtis: Hello from Bangladesh

Pete Shelton: Hi Chiara and everyone joining online. Pete Shelton from IFPRI joining to learn more about WEAI

Fridah Mubichi: Fridah Mubichi - University Missouri Columbia

Mara Russell: Hi - this is Mara Russell from CARE in DC

Nagaraj Inukonda: Hi Nagaraj from World Vegetable Center Taiwan

Abigail Johnson: Hi all - Abby Johnson, Gender Consultant with SNV

Nilupa Gunaratna: Good morning, this is Nilupa Gunaratna from the Harvard School of Public Health

Tracy McDiarmid: Tracy McDiarmid, World Vision Australia, Melbourne Australia

Una Murray: I am working on a labour productivity project in Malawi, via University of Galway, Ireland. I also work as an evaluator for project/programmes

r.meinzen-dick@cgiar.org: This is Ruth Meinzen-Dick, from IFPRI, part of the WEAI team

Faheem Khan: Faheem Khan - CARE USA

Elizabeth Kiewisch: Hi all, Elizabeth Kiewisch, independent consultant on gender and agriculture

Aissata Traore: Aissata Traore - International Executive Service Corps

Sabeen Irfan: Sabeen Irfan-Kashf Foundation Pakistan

Christopher Nicoletti: Hello Everyone, Chris Nicoletti Global iQ Director at iDE

Abbie Manock: Hi all, Abbie Manock with Opportunity International working as a Research Associate with their International Business Development Team in Chicago

Liz Cruickshank: hi all - I'm a consultant from Accenture Development Partnerships. My focus is on livelihoods and inclusion. Am also studying sustainable forestry

Ashley Mills: Hi, this is Ashley Mills with Peace Corps

Carol Chan: Hello - Carol Chan from Tetra Tech ARD, Agriculture and Economic Growth Sector, in Burlington, Vermont.

Kashi Kafle: Good morningn all, Kashi from Nepal, now at University of Illinois

r.meinzen-dick@cgiar.org: Frida, I'll be giving a seminar on WEAI at University of Missouri this Friday. I'll be covering some of the same content, but it would be a chance to meet you, and if you have other comments/questions

Kashi Kafle: I curenly have a project collecting WEAI data in Nepal

Carol Kamau: Hi. Carol Kamau from USDA/FAS Nairobi. Interested in women activities in agriculture.

Donnie Harrington: Hi. This is Don Harington, Agriculture policy advisor at USAID/Tanzania

Hadji DIAKITE: Hadji Diakite, Regional Gender Specialist at Tetra Tech

Genzo Yamamoto: Hi. This is Genzo Yamamoto from Opportunity International.

Chiara Kovarik: The two reports Emily shows on her first slide are both on the left hand side of your screen under "Resources to download"

Kashi Kafle: I am using it

Kashi Kafle: in my dissertation

Una Murray: We used the WEAI as part of our baseline study for 3D4AgDev project in Malawi

Nasir Mumtaz: i am using it. it works

Eva Kassara: I am a graduate student at Michigan State, I am also interested to use WEAI in my research.

Fridah Mubichi: Me too Kashi :) I am using WEAI for my dissertation

Fridah Mubichi: working in Mozambique

Sabeen Irfan: Me also there

Chiara Kovarik: Siera - thanks for your interest in using the WEAI for your doctoral research in Ghana! Have you seen the WEAI paper on Ghana? Located here: <https://www.ifpri.org/publication/what-dimensions-women%E2%80%99s-empowerment-agriculture-matter-nutrition-related-practices-and>

Nasir Mumtaz: working in google crome

Eva Kassara: My research area is rural Northern Tanzania

Kashi Kafle: Fridah: I am working in Nepal. let's touch base My email is kafle2@illinois.edu

Siera Vercillo: Wow, Chiara, thanks so much. Talk about specific

Fridah Mubichi: fantastic!

Cecilia Ragazzi: Anything on DRC

Cecilia Ragazzi: Any resources on DRC?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Cecilia, not at this time unfortunately

Fridah Mubichi: I think we should get together as grad students... I have questions on calculating WEAI

Zachary Baquet: Feed the Future WEAI page and resources <http://feedthefuture.gov/lp/womens-empowerment-agriculture-index>

Fridah Mubichi: email: mkmp99@mail.missouri.edu

Siera Vercillo: yess Fridah!! I can start a group of some sort via email

Fridah Mubichi: great!

Kashi Kafle: Awesome

Fridah Mubichi: I will send an email out through our wonderful hostess :) Agrilinks

Siera Vercillo: my email to all the other grad students and interested researchers svercill@uwo.ca

Agrilinks 2: great to see some connections!

Cecilia Gonzalez: My connection is not great, so it's breaking up. The recording will be available later, right?

Agrilinks 2: yes, it will be available as a full recording on the agrilinks site

Fridah Mubichi: agrilinks 2 will you kindly assist :) on getting the grad students a forum :)

Fridah Mubichi: please

Kashi Kafle: Ditto, Fridah

Cecilia Gonzalez: thanks Agrilinks!

Agrilinks 2: you should be able to send a private chat to the other participants in this webinar

Agrilinks 2: if you find their name and hover over it in the attendees box

Agrilinks 2: that might be the easiest way to get started!

Kashi Kafle: Also, any chance we can access these slides?

Agrilinks 2: yes, the slides will be available on Agrilinks within the week

Kashi Kafle: Great! Thanks Agrilinks

Sophie Romana: can you share the link to the score card please

Kristy Cook: Another woe: What does that single number (or 3) actually mean at the end of all that - can't really be compared, doesn't vary much across countries, not sure it will change from one year to another...

Chiara Kovarik: Here is the link to the WEAI Resource Center at IFPRI, where you can find the questionnaires, the STATA do files, and all related publications: <https://www.ifpri.org/topic/weai-resource-center>

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Kristy - have to answer your question. What (3) are you referring to?

Chiara Kovarik: *happy to answer your question :)

Melanie Berman: I don't see anything in the slide.

Kristy Cook: The two subs and final index number

Chiara Kovarik: Sure! The first number is the overall WEAI score (for example 0.71). It is comprised of 2 sub-indexes, the 5 domains of empowerment (5DE) and the gender parity index (GPI)

Kristy Cook: Was really an observation, not a question.

Chiara Kovarik: The 5DE makes up 90% of the final WEAI score while the GPI makes up 10%

Agrilinks 2: thank you for your comment

Agrilinks 2: If anyone has a question for Emily, please feel free to pose it in the chat box

Agrilinks 2: we will try to answer as many questions as possible during our Q&A

Sophie Romana: Question: What types of groups were surveyed? Saving Groups (VSLA), Credit groups? Water User groups? others?

Trent Blare: That you Chiara that looks to be very useful

Daniella De Franco: Speaking of costs, do you have rough back of the envelope calculations on how much it costs to carry out the full WEAI survey? (Across different contexts).

Kashi Kafle: WEAI, as it stands now, does not have consumption side questions

Chiara Kovarik: Thanks for your question, Sophie! We ask respondents if they are an active member of groups in their community and we have several kinds of groups including water user's groups, religious groups, etc

Mark Adams: Danielle's question is an excellent one - if we can't have that here perhaps as a follow up brief?

Mark Adams: Daniella - sorry

Ernest Dube: is the survey a population based survey?

Claire Baker: yes - I'm interested in Daniella's question too...

Agrilinks 2: Thank you for your question, Daniella!

Emily: Daniella, it varies greatly based on sample size, geographic area, and whether you do it standalone.

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Danielle and Mark - the WEAI instructional guide has estimates for the full WEAI survey. You can find it here:

https://www.ifpri.org/sites/default/files/Basic%20Page/weai_instructionalguide_1.pdf

Kashi Kafle: Costs depends on you sample size!

Agrilinks 2: We will try to pose it to Emily during the Q&A

Hritika Rana: Is it possible to compare women empowerment between women involved in traditional crop production and Non-Traditional Export led crop (or commercial cash crop) by using WEAI?

Chiara Kovarik: These were for the small (~350 sample size) pilots in 2011

Reena Borwankar: How is "active" participation defined/operationalized for the group membership/social capital?

Emily: The pilots costs between \$40K to \$80K, but the full scale surveys were between \$500K and more, but sample sizes were five times higher and collected numerous other indicators

Daniella De Franco: Thanks, Emily! That's very helpful to know.

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Reena - in the enumerator manual we provide the following instructions regarding "active membership" :

Chiara Kovarik: Note that being an “active” member of a group should be defined by the respondent (i.e. his/her subjective idea of what being a member constitutes). If asked by the respondent, you may indicate that “active” membership could constitute attending meetings, paying a user fee, holding a leadership position within the group, etc. However, explain that there is too much variation in group type to have a standard definition for an active member so encourage the respondent to use his/her own judgment.

Reena Borwankar: Thanks Chiara.

Chiara Kovarik: You're welcome!

Kashi Kafle: My sample size is 305, in Nepal. It was only about 20k

Sophie Romana: does the workload index take into account paid AND unpaid care work? or just all work together, whether paid or not

Emily: Thanks, Kashi!

Mila Sell: Chiara, another thing about group membership. We ran into the problem that the spouses in a household would report different groups actually being present in the community.

Emily: I believe we did find collection costs were often lower in Asia.

Sarah Mills: we created some categories to describe 'active' group membership, including speaking at or participating in meetings; holding a leadership/management role

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Mila - thanks for sharing that! Very interesting!

Emily: I believe both transportation costs and enumerator costs were lower.

Tarini Mohan: Can we get access to the presentations anywhere?

Emily: We had the highest costs in Africa

Kashi Kafle: Emily: the most significant challenge I faced was not finding a adult male in the household

Emily: especially when the geographic area we were sampling were really diffused

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Tarini - the slides will be available online within one week

Kashi Kafle: They are either working abroad, or away from home

Sophie Romana: Question: does the workload index take into account paid AND unpaid care work? or just all work together, whether paid or not

Siera Vercillo: that speaks to the current context of Female headed households, and also seasonal migration so timing might help with having men around

Zachary Baquet: WEAI and Feed the Future Population Based Survey data can be downloaded here: https://www.usaid.gov/data?search=feed+the+future&items_per_page=25

Emily: Kashi, I know our enumeration teams had that issue, too. They often had to go back to the house a couple of times to try to go when the male was there

Daniella De Franco: Kashi, we've also faced the same challenge when attempting to interview both a woman and a man in the same household. This can have cost implications, too, as we've had to visit the same household twice on different days or times to adapt to their schedules.

Cecilia Ragazzi: If i am correct, all the 5 domains are equally weighted; how do you justify it?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Sophie - yes, the workload module takes into account any activities during the day - from paid work to domestic tasks to cooking

Emily: Sophie, all work together, it doesn't differentiate between paid and unpaid, but you could collect it and analyze that way if that was important to your program

Sophie Romana: thank you Chiara -- we are starting to disaggregate work load

Kashi Kafle: In Nepal, the husband is somewhere in middle east working, there are only little kids and the women, at home

Sophie Romana: as in some context unpaid workload prevents involvement of women in IGAs or agriculture

Sarah Mills: did you encounter many problems with the time use question? we adapted this and created a table with pictures to represent the tasks, and asked respondents to apportion beads/beans to the categories. the idea was to measure shifts in time use, rather than to account for such defined periods of time

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Cecilia - yes, each of the 5 domains is weighted equally (1/5th of the index) but then within each domain the indicators receive different weights. So, control over income receives all the weight of the income domain while the time domain has two indicators (workload and leisure)

Kashi Kafle: Questions like speaking in Public is dumb! this is a comment from my advisor

Emily: Hi, Sarah. That is a very interesting method

Emily: do you have anything written up on it?

Cecilia Ragazzi: Thanks Chiara and how did you decide on the weight for each indicator? Did you base yourself on some standard rule?

Emily: we'd love to hear more

Sarah Mills: we only have some quite short qualitative case studies, but my colleagues said it generated a lot more interesting discussion and respondents got really into it

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Cecilia - we chose to weight each indicator in a domain equally. So if there are 3 indicators in a domain they each receive 1/3 of the weight of that domain (1/15th of the overall index). If there is only 1 indicator in a domain it receives all the weight of that domain (1/5th of the total index)

Sarah Mills: we used the WEAI survey instrument as a guide to do some case studies, rather than carrying out the full survey

Sophie Romana: QUESTION please: WEAI seems to work well to measure the agency of the impoverished small scale farmers (although it could be improved in the assessment of collective assets and capabilities), especially women. But it lacks an important part of empowerment which is the measurement of the opportunity structure: Institutional climate (access to information, inclusion and participation in formal and informal institutions, accountability and organizational capacity) and social political structure (openness of institutions, fragmentation and behaviors of dominant groups, state implementation capacity). Is this analysis of the opportunity structure left aside or do you address it through the implementation of another instrument? Because you would have a very partial analysis, if you only use the WEAI to measure empowerment.

nina de roo: is the questionnaire also available in ODK format (for use by mobile data collection)?

Emily: great, sarah. we are glad it was also useful for that

Emily: hi, nina

Cecilia Ragazzi: Thanks Chiara, hence it is not a decision based on "merit", but more on math?

Emily: yes, we collected the q'naire via tablets using ODK in several countries

Kashi Kafle: Emily: a serious comment I got when defending my dissertation proposal is there are n questions to assess women's control over consumption decisions

nina de roo: that is great! where can I find that format?

Scott Christiansen: Will the questionnaire be available in advance of the webinar?

Emily: cecilia, the weighting of the indicators was very much a judgment call. based on our strategies, we determined all domains were equally important and had no grounds to weight differently

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Sophie - thanks for your comments! Yes, there are many aspects of empowerment that the WEAI does not capture. This is where embedding the WEAI in a household survey comes in handy. And doing supplementary qualitative work is also extremely helpful

Sophie Romana: thank you, Chiara

Cecilia Ragazzi: thanks Emily!

Siera Vercillo: Question to add to Sophie's institutional opportunities, as well as relations and dependencies with other individuals which is also important for someone's sense of empowerment

Emily: @ Kashi, the WEAI doesn't cover every possible dimension of women's empowerment. we had to be strategic about what we chose. Control over consumption was not as big of an issue for women's engagement in agriculture as the domains we chose

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Siera - to some extent we are capturing relationships via the group membership module which is capturing social capital

Emily: it was not as linked to our objective of inclusive agricultural growth

Kashi Kafle: Thanks Emily. I added consumption questions in my survey. Will let you know how it comes out

nina de roo: Question to Emily: where can I find the ODK format of the survey tool?

Siera Vercillo: it would be interesting to also look at conjugal relations, relations with other co-wives, neighbours etc.

Siera Vercillo: kin etc.

Chiara Kovarik: Yes, it definitely would!

Emily: Nina, please write me and i can link you to our contractor that used it. ehogue@usaid.gov

Emily: we don't have it online

nina de roo: Emily, thanks, I will write you! At Wagenignen UR we are considering to use this index in a cross country seed project in 4 countries in Africa

Emily: oh, that is great!

Emily: please let us know if we can help.

Siera Vercillo: Is it just projects who are invited or can it be academic researchers?

Kashi Kafle: Great question, Siera

Emily: we want to use it for USAID activities or projects, to test as a monitoring tool for a project

Siera Vercillo: And how can researchers collaborate or get on board with any projects in possible countries we are working in

Siera Vercillo: We could be a resource working alongside

Emily: Siera, please write us and we can look at opportunities

Emily: i agree, and we can try to link up scholars who are interested

Mark Adams: Thank you very much

Hadji DIAKITE: what Mali project name for PRO-WEAI?

Dawn Murdock: The GAAP2 Call for Expressions of Interest also listed Ghana as an eligible country

Sophie Romana: QUESTION: Has the October 2 deadline for USAID Partners been extended or could be extended to non USAID Partners?

Chiara Kovarik: Yes, Ghana is an eligible country

Daniella De Franco: Do you have a scope of work or profile for the skills or experience an M&E team needs to calculate the WEAI, given its complexity?

Sophie Romana: speak louder please

nina de roo: one other question: is the data from surveys available for other users? E.g. We are planning to conduct similar survey in Ghana for a project, but if the data is already available, it would help us to guide our baseline

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Nina - yes the USAID Feed the future baseline data is publicly available

Liz Cruickshank: I have to drop for another meeting but thank you to all the presenters - very interesting session

Emily: hi, nina. yes we have several data sets available

Liz Cruickshank: Would be great if you could also share this chat feed somehow

Chiara Kovarik: And if you look at the baseline report (resource on the left) you can find a summary of the Ghana findings

Emily: please see Zachary Baquet's post above

Agrilinks 2: yes the chat transcript will be on Agrilinks in about a week

Christopher Nicoletti: Hello, here at iDE we have been piloting what we call WEAI-lite, and we have been in conversation with Katie about our efforts along these lines. What I was wondering is whether or not the IFPRI team is taking stock of the various implementations used to date and basing their pro-WEAI modules on some of these implementations?

nina de roo: again: great! I got it.

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Christopher - thanks! Yes, we have been tracking the use and modification of the WEAI around the world

Kathleen Ragsdale: Q: How can one join the GAAP CoP? Do you have to be invited or can you join online. If so, can you provide us with the link. Thx!

Chiara Kovarik: The development of the Pro-WEAI modules will begin later this year and early 2016 and we may reach out to the organizations that have modified the WEAI to hear their "lessons learned"

Dawn Murdock: QUESTION: where can we access data collection tools for the WEA indicators? so we can incorporate into our project

Kristy Cook: WorldFish has developed a pilot Women's Economic Empowerment in Fisheries (WEFI) for those interested in aquaculture.

USAID Agrilinks: Kathleen, you can find out more about joining the COP here: www.gaap.ifpri.info

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Kathleen - directions on how to join the COP are available on the GAAP website in the FAQ document: http://gaap.ifpri.info/files/2015/08/Frequently-Asked-Questions_September-2-update1.pdf

Hadji DIAKITE: Will you invite us to the next webinar?

Martina Mascarenhas: Hi Kristy- is the WEFI available online? is there any literature on it?

Kathleen Ragsdale: Thx, Chiara!!!

Chiara Kovarik: You're welcome!

Patrice Hakizimana: Would Pro WEAI remain an index as measurement unit or some new gender indicators would be proposed to projects as affordable and cost-effective way to measure results to achieve women empowerment?

r.meinzen-dick@cgiar.org: Sophie--the workload is based on 25 hour recall of activities, so yes, it is paid and unpaid, including care. In the baseline, we also allowed for primary and secondary activity, but some country enumerator teams had problems with that

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Hadji - There is another webinar, hosted by IFPRI, next Wednesday. The link to register is here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1992709063315119105>

Hritika Rana: Thank you for the answer. I would like to get in touch with the agrilinks team to learn more on how it can be done; will also love to share my research plan

Hadji DIAKITE: Thanks

Kashi Kafle: How can I use WEAI for impact assessment? How do we interpret results in regression framework?

Anne Sweetser: Has any consideration been given to incorporation of group-based participatory exercises -- time use, seasonality, ownership of land and tools etc., -- while simultaneously contributing to group formation and individual empowerment / agency -- for developing both baseline and monitoring data?

Daniella De Franco: In areas with high outmigration of men, what other modifications would you propose for the WEAI (other than not interviewing a male household member)? Or other cases where intrahousehold comparison might be difficult.

Tarini Mohan: Could somebody please tell me how to join the community of practice?

Kashi Kafle: Is women's empowerment is an outcome or a pathway to achieve some well being outcome

Kristy Cook: Martina - WEFI is not available yet as far as I know. Email me and I'll connect you with researchers (kcook@culturalpractice.com)

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Tarini - directions on joining the COP are located here: http://gaap.ifpri.info/files/2015/08/Frequently-Asked-Questions_September-2-update1.pdf

Paige Castellanos: Second this question: where can we access data collection tools for the WEA indicators? so we can incorporate into our project

Tarini Mohan: Thanks Chiara

Martina Mascarenhas: great- thanks Kristy. Will get in touch

nina de roo: where could i access this abbreviated WEAI?

Christopher Nicoletti: One of the questions I had relating to the original WEAI was how sensitive it was to be included in an evaluation (i.e., will the indicators change over a 2-3 year timeline, and will this translate into a change in the aggregated WEAI score). I am curious if there has been any additional research on this, and whether or not there are concerns that the A-WEAI would be less sensitive? You can just point me towards a paper/resource.

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Paige - all WEAI data collection tools are available on the WEAI resource center, located at the link to the left

Sophie Romana: QUESTION: Do you have examples of surveys that have integrated WEAI with some of their own tools/existing tools?

Paige Castellanos: Thanks Chiara, is there information about the interview guide or methods for incorporating specific WEAI survey questions?

Sarah Mills: Question for the panel: I'm interested to know about experiences of including questions pertaining to violence and self esteem on empowerment? Can any of the panel members speak on this?

nina de roo: on the resource center I cannot find specific reference to the Abbreviated WEAI tool. are you sure it is there?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Nina - it has not yet been posted on the WEAI Resource Center but will be soon

nina de roo: okay, great, I will keep an eye on it then in the coming weeks :)! thanks

Paige Enfinger: Considering the objective of access to food via local markets, has the WEAI been adapted to market analysis and involvement of women along the supply chain (beyond agricultural production)?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Paige - I can send you the enumerator manual, and we will also be posting it on the WEAI Resource Center

Paige Castellanos: I apologize, I found the information I was looking for!

r.meinzen-dick@cgiar.org: pro-WEAI will likely also be an index, but the good thing about WEAI is that it is also decomposable, so you can look at individual elements as well. And in developing pro-WEAI we will also be using qualitative tools to understand the meaning of empowerment in different domains and contexts. Others may want to use some of those qualitative tools as well

Eva Kassara: Maybe if the word "speaking in public" can be rephrased coz women might have a voice but the voice is not heard!

Kashi Kafle: Question: Is women's empowerment is an outcome or a pathway to achieve some well being outcome

KDAD AV Tech: There are a lot of questions in the room so please get your questions in now so that we can try to address them all!

Siera Vercillo: Yes this is related to my question in social relations of neighbours, conjugal relations and co wives, relations between kin - not necessarily interviewing more but asking questions about that

r.meinzen-dick@cgiar.org: to Sophie Romana: CIMMYT has integrated 4 of the 5 domains of WEAI with their survey of technology adoption, and in Nepal, University of Georgia and Nepa school are using it in an evaluation of Heifer Project, together with qualitative research

Hritika Rana: Can WEAI be used without administering GPI?

Donnie Harrington: Is pro-WEAI ready to be applied to projects that target entrepreneurship, especially women owned businesses in agro-processing and access to credit?

Claire Baker: Our project definitely addresses nutrition and women's empowerment. However, our team does not have this sort of specific experience that is discussed in WEAI evaluation (mostly agronomists and biotechnology scientists). It appears that using WEAI is necessary to get funding...yet it will apparently double our budget to conduct WEAI. Question: Are there other groups that could be contracted to help administer WEAI? What about the COP nutrition team?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Hritika - you can still collect the 5 domains of empowerment and not the GPI but unfortunately without the GPI you cannot calculate the overall WEAI score

Reena Borwankar: Related to sampling, is the pro-WEAI still planning to interview primary male and primary female decision maker?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Reena - yes, the Pro-WEAI will still interview both a primary male and female decisionmaker within the same household

Christopher Nicoletti: Are there any current mobile-based tools or plans to create mobile based tools for the original WEAI or the A-WEAI (i.e., ODK Forms?)

Hritika Rana: In that case, how can we conduct GPI without male representative (in case of out-migration? I think many asked that already. But i dont think it has been answered

Kristy Cook: The ultimate objective of the WEAI should not be to measure empowerment, but rather to impact/change empowerment. To the USAID speakers: to what extent has WEAI led to changes in programming and will the WEAI be able to capture these changes?

Eva Kassara: Did you collect information about how division of gender roles affect women empowerment? Can you point any resources?

Kashi Kafle: Hritika, that was a problem I faced in Nepal. By the way, are you from Nepal too?

Emily: @ Donnie - Modules related to entrepreneurship haven't been developed yet, but could be an area to test for the pilots. If you have an activity to propose to test it, please let us know!

r.meinzen-dick@cgiar.org: to Daniella De Franco: In areas with high outmigration of men, you don't actually need to modify WEAI itself, but you can use it to analyze whether there are differences between households with and without a man present. One of the values of WEAI is that the dataset provides a lot more than just the headline numbers. It can be decomposed to look at individual indicators, underlying questions (e.g. which types of organizations men or women participate in), and by different types of households

Emily: Also, good to see you after all these years, Donnie!

Hritika Rana: yes, i am planning to use WEAI for my research; study site: Sindhuli! Where is your study site?

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Christopher - Yes, some USAID partners have collected the WEAI through mobile based tools. I think Emily can link you up with those partners and perhaps they can share

Christopher Nicoletti: Thanks Chiara! Should I follow up with Emily after?

Emily: sure, ehogue@usaid.gov

Tarini Mohan: I would be interested to know as well

Tarini Mohan: re mobile based apps

Vicky Santoso: I have been trying to find papers on validation of WEAI (construct validation, factor loading, etc). Can you pls help direct me to them?

Fridah Mubichi: Chiara I would also like to know more about mobile based tools

Donnie Harrington: Thanks, for the offer, Emily. Great to hook up again.

Chiara Kovarik: Hi Fridah - feel free to email me afterwards and I can link you up (c.kovarik@cgiar.org)

Fridah Mubichi: thank you Chiara

Reena Borwankar: Follow-up to sampling still focused on primary decision makers in the pro-WEAI... Related to Judy's question on programs that do both nutrition/health and agriculture, often the beneficiaries of programs focusing on the first 1000 days are young mothers (and not the primary decision makers). Seems like a missing link in using WEAI to understand the empowerment of these younger less empowered mothers within a household especially on understanding how pro-WEAI can incorporate some of the health indicators that might be of interest to these mutlisectoral programs.

Hritika Rana: I am planning to look at households with and without men; that is the reason i dont see how we can still get /or need GPI

Chiara Kovarik: The paper Agnes is referring to is located here:
<http://www.ifpri.org/publication/women's-empowerment-agriculture-production-diversity-and-nutrition-evidence-nepa>

Claire Baker: That Nepal IFPRI link didn't work.

Fridah Mubichi: Question for Agnes on A-WEAI :I am currently using a WEAI survey from a Mozambique sample and noticed most women respond as making decisions on most modules jointly with spouse - contrary to some gender literature, does A-WEAI offer extra questions that will allow us to flesh out level of participation better?

USAID Agrilinks: Claire, please try this link: <https://www.ifpri.org/publication/women%E2%80%99s-empowerment-agriculture-production-diversity-and-nutrition-evidence-nepal>

Agrilinks 2: thank you everyone!

Kathleen Ragsdale: Great webinar! Thx!

Kashi Kafle: Thanks All

Claire Baker: OK - that second link worked!

Stacy Cummings 2: Claire, both links work for me.

Sophie Romana: thank you, great webinar, Oxfam team in hot debates with lots of info!

Sophie Romana: thanks

Hadji DIAKITE: Thanks

Agrilinks 2: The webinar, chat transcript, slides and resources will all be available on the Agrilinks site soon!

Kashi Kafle: No food for us!!!

Stacy Cummings 2: Thank you everyone!

Chiara Kovarik: Thanks for joining!

nina de roo: thanks a lot for this interesting webinar

Sarah Mills: thank you!

Claire Baker: Is there a place where people can post their survey questions? That might be useful to see what is working in different parts of the world.

KDAD AV Tech: Thank you all for attending. We'll leave the room open for about another 10 minutes so you can network.

Rufaro Mavhera: thankl you for the insightful presentations

Jasmine Hunt: Great session!

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KDAD AV Tech: Thanks all. See you next time online!