

EMPOWERING WOMEN FARMERS : A mechanization catalogue for practitioners

Abstract:

Rural women across the world work along agri-food value chains performing numerous agricultural operations. Their work is increasingly affected by land degradation, climate change impacts and out-migration. It is often unrecognized, unqualified and unpaid. Moreover, the traditional division of labour often relegates women to manual, time-consuming operations with high degrees of drudgery. The combination of family responsibilities and insufficient access to critical services, information and technologies, affects women's work burden and their potential for income generation. For example, fewer rights over land make it more difficult for women to access subsidies, finance or mechanization.