

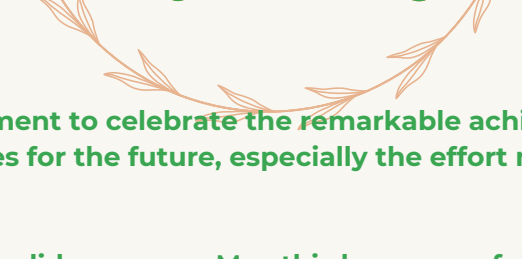


JP RWEE NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2025

CLIMATE-RESILIENT FARMING: EQUIPPING WOMEN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

In this edition of the JP RWEE newsletter we are sharing stories of **Climate-Resilient Farming: Equipping Women and their Communities for the Future**. They showcase the work the JP RWEE does to improve food security and nutrition for rural women and their households by providing access to climate-resilient agricultural inputs & practices.

The newsletter also provides updates on the JP RWEE-related activities over the past few months.



Dear friends and colleagues,

As 2025 comes to an end, we take a moment to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the JP RWEE in equipping women and their communities for the future, especially the effort made at the country level working hand in hand with the local partners.

The JP RWEE team wishes you a happy holiday season. May this be a peaceful time to reflect, recharge, and gather the energy needed to showcase, amplify, and build on our collective impact in the year ahead. The coming year will be especially significant for JP RWEE, as it marks the International Year of the Woman Farmer.

Warm wishes,
The JP RWEE Team

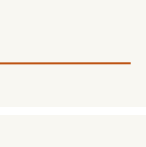
About the JP RWEE

The JP RWEE is a unique partnership between FAO, IFAD, UN Woman, WFP and local partners, that builds on each agency's comparative advantage and technical expertise to improve the status of women in rural areas.

The first phase of the programme was implemented in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nepal, Niger and Rwanda from 2014 to 2021, reaching 79,626 rural women and men (64,447 women and 15,382 men) and 407,667 household members. The second phase of the programme is being implemented in Nepal, Niger, the Pacific Islands, Rwanda, Tanzania and Tunisia from 2022 to 2027.



JP RWEE Nepal Factsheet 2025

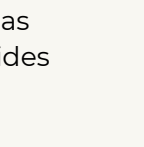


The JP RWEE Nepal Factsheet provides an overview of the programme in Nepal, Nepali context, key results in 2025 and the way forward.

Please feel free to disseminate it within your network.



JP RWEE Good Practice: Dimitra Clubs Advance Women's Empowerment in Niger



The JP RWEE Good Practice publication showcases how the Dimitra Clubs advance women's empowerment in Niger. It provides Niger country context, explains how the Dimitra Clubs help create inclusive safe spaces for dialogue including men and boys as allies and agents of change, highlights Communal Dimitra Clubs Networks and provides lessons learned. Please feel free to disseminate it within your network.

Stories of building climate resilience:

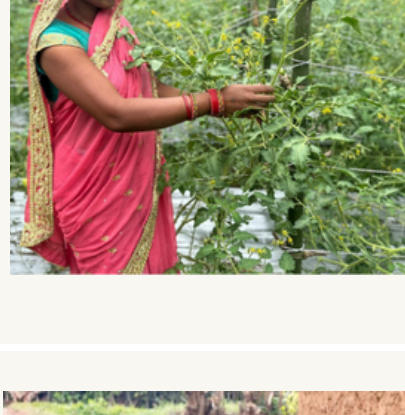


JP RWEE Boosting Harvests and Empowers Rural Women Farmers in Gisagara, Rwanda

Aline Uwamahoro, a farmer from Gisagara District, was dependent solely on subsistence farming which brought low yields, unstable income, and persistent food insecurity. Uwamahoro is part of the Urumuli Cyamakuzza Cooperative, which grows maize in Giseke marshland. Together with the cooperative, Uwamahoro learned 'Pfumvudza' practice - a climate-smart farming method that involves planting in small holes instead of tilling the entire field.

"Before, I harvested around 50 kilograms from two ares of land. Now, I get up to 200 kilograms. Thanks to JP-RWEE, my yields and income have improved significantly", Uwamahoro shared.

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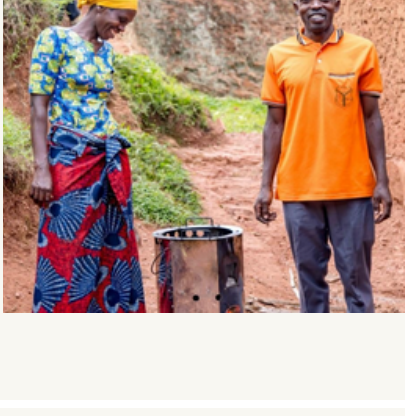


Building Climate and Economic Resilience: Rural Women Shaping Sustainable Food Systems in Nepal

In drought-stricken Madhesh Province, farmer Ram Kumari Kamait transformed her livelihood through climate-smart agriculture introduced by the JP RWEE programme. From soil testing and composting to market-based production and early nurseries, she doubled her income and became a mentor for other women. Her story reflects a growing movement of over 1,100 women farmers building climate resilience, accessing fair markets, and shaping sustainable food systems for the future.

"Farming was just subsistence. Now I have hope—it feels like a business and a future," said Ram Kumari.

[Read the full story](#)



Innovative Farming Practices Equip Families for the Future in Rwanda

For years, Emmanuel and Vestine cultivated maize, beans and sweet potatoes using traditional methods, planting without spacing, mixing crops randomly, and consuming nearly all the harvest at home. Through the JP RWEE, Emmanuel learned how to plant in rows, use organic and chemical fertilizers correctly, and manage crops with care. The results were immediate. For the first time, the family produced enough to eat, sell and save.

"Before the training, I harvested around 50 kg of maize from half a hectare. After applying what we learned, I sometimes get up to 250 kg", shared Emmanuel.

[Read the full story](#)



Where Knowledge Grows: Cultivating Change and Climate Resilience in Rural Siraha, Nepal

After returning to school at 42, Shubhakala Kumari Sah is helping lead agricultural and social change in her village. Through the JP RWEE, women are improving their livelihoods, adapting to climate challenges, and reviving nutritious crops like millet, while gaining confidence and a stronger voice in community decision-making.

A strong statement from Shubhakala: **"People grow old, but knowledge never does".**

[Read the full story](#)

October 15: Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women

NEPAL: Provincial Policy Dialogue in Madhesh Province

Aligned with the 2025 International Day of Rural Women (IDRW) and the Beijing+30 commemoration, the Provincial Policy Dialogue in Madhesh Province highlighted women's leadership and their vital role in building equality and resilience in agriculture.

Rural Women Reshaping Agriculture in Nepal

Highlighting essential role of rural women, this article celebrates rural women's leadership, resilience and work towards a world where they are the architects and beneficiaries of a sustainable future.

PACIFIC ISLANDS:

Rural women in Tabiteuea South, Kiribati lit up this year's International Day for Rural Women and World Food Day with a vibrant celebration of culture, resilience, and innovation. From powerful messages of leadership to displays of homegrown produce and traditional foods, the event showcased how women are sustaining their communities and shaping a more food-secure future for Kiribati.

Celebrating Rural Women: A New Chapter in Munda's Agricultural Story - Solomon Islands

In November, on the occasion of the IDRW, 30 market vendors and farmers (26 women and 4 men) participated in a four-day training focused on food processing, packaging, and business development in Munda, Western Province, Solomon Islands. The training delivered by the [Markets for Change \(M4C\)](#) project, with the support of the JP RWEE aimed to equip participants with essential skills to diversify their income and share knowledge within their communities.

TUNISIA:

Official announcement of the National Strategy for the Socio-Economic Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls, and an Arab seminar organized to highlight and support the essential role of women in rural areas.

Moving Toward the Future: Girls, Mothers, and Climate at the Heart of the International Day of Rural Women - a joint initiative between JP RWEE and the [Economic, Social and Solidarity Insertion \(IESS\)](#) project in Kairouan brought together primary school girls and their mothers for a participatory programme on climate, hygiene, nutrition and gender equality.

JP RWEE Fair - a festive event organized for women beneficiaries, offering greater visibility to JP RWEE Agricultural Professional Organizations (OPAs), showcasing their products, bringing together all the stakeholders and celebrating their achievements.

December 3: Celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Agnes Mukasangwa's Journey from Adversity to Empowerment - Rwanda

Agnes Mukasangwa's story is one of extraordinary resilience. Born with a disability, a survivor of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi, and twice widowed, she rebuilt her life from the ground up while raising four children alone. Agnes joined a local savings group, supported by the JP RWEE, learned about cooperative management, climate-resilient farming techniques, health and sanitation. With her newfound confidence and skills, Agnes wanted to take on leadership roles within her community and was a coordinator and was elected with overwhelming support. Today, Agnes's financial independence allows her to provide a better life for herself and her children.

"Leadership has allowed me to lift other women up and ensure the voices of people with disabilities are heard."

[Read the full story](#)

Global Advisory Group on Disability Inclusion Strengthens the Mainstreaming of Disability Inclusion Across the JP RWEE

In 2025, CBM's Global Advisory Group on Disability Inclusion supported the JP RWEE in strengthening the mainstreaming of disability inclusion across the programme. In the JP RWEE Phase II, disability representation among rural women varied between 1 to 10% across countries at baseline.

The timely technical input provided by CBM directly informed the Annual Monitoring 2025 process, addressing a critical need at this stage of implementation. This marks an important step as JP RWEE prepares to consolidate evidence showcasing joint results on women's economic empowerment in agriculture as One UN, including during the Global Disability Summit 2027. CBM has also indicated its availability to continue providing bilateral technical support moving forward.

Other Stories:

[Practical Transformation and Community Unity in Bimala's Village, Nepal](#)

[Valentine's Journey from Isolation to Confidence Through JP RWEE in Rwanda](#)

Global Updates:



CFS53 Side Event: From Policy to Action: Investing in Women for a Just Agrifood Systems Transformation

In October, the JP RWEE side event "From Policy to Action" brought together governments, civil society, UN agencies and partners to showcase how gender equality in agrifood systems is moving from commitment to action.

Countries such as Ireland, Switzerland, Tunisia and Tanzania shared progress through targeted investments, land rights reforms, stronger institutions and gender-responsive policies. Panelists emphasized the role of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and JP RWEE in driving food systems transformation, while civil society underscored that true equality is achieved through the leadership and knowledge of rural women.

[See more details here](#)

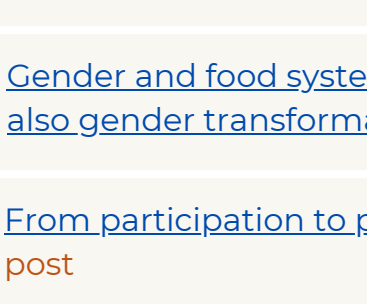


Official Launch of the International Year of the Woman Farmer

On December 4th, FAO and partners launched the **International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF 2026)**, a global call to recognize and strengthen the essential yet often overlooked roles of women in agrifood systems.

The opening ceremony, co-organized with Jordan and Ireland, brought together governments, UN agencies, farmer networks and development partners to spotlight the barriers women farmers continue to face and the policy and investment solutions needed to close persistent gender gaps.

The IYWF aims to elevate women farmers' voices and experiences by showcasing the essential role they play in sustaining agrifood systems including through leadership, care and domestic work, while supporting food security, contributing to economic prosperity, and improving nutrition and livelihoods for their families and communities.



Public Institutions in Tunisia Embrace GALS to Strengthen Rural Women's Economic Empowerment

In November, JP RWEE Tunisia hosted a three-day inception workshop in Hammamet to introduce the Gender Action Learning System (GALS) to 22 representatives from national and regional public institutions.

The initiative aimed to build a shared vision of how GALS can reinforce rural development policies, strengthen women's economic empowerment, and enhance coordination across sectors—while laying the foundation for sustainability beyond the JP RWEE life cycle.

Public actors expressed strong interest and commitment to replicating GALS within their services, training local facilitators, and scaling the methodology to additional regions across the country.

Opportunities to learn beyond JP RWEE - New global publications

Burleigh Dodds Science Publishing: [Women and smallholder farming: Addressing global inequities in agriculture](#) by Dr Carolyn Sachs, Dr Paige Castellanos.

[Gender and food systems: Are global recommendations for sustainable food systems transformation also gender transformative?](#) by S. Dysard, S. Mayhew, M. Ranganathan, P. Milsom, H. Walls

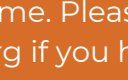
[From participation to power: Advancing women's leadership in rural development](#) IFPRI research post

[Women's control over income and household spending decisions: A rapid review](#) IFPRI discussion paper

[Gender-responsive synergies across the Rio Conventions: Multi-stakeholder perspectives](#) UN Women working paper



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