

# The gender division of agricultural labour in Uganda and Tanzania

- Participatory rural appraisal draws on a suite of exercises including seasonal calendars that allows farmers to share knowledge of their life and conditions.

- Based on the specificity of the agricultural tasks for each crop, seasonal calendars allow men and women to share their detailed knowledge of cultivation practices and work entailed in farming.

- Both men and women participate in physical, hard manual labour such as land preparation, land clearing, digging holes and pruning branches.

- Men seem solely responsible for pesticide and fungicide application in coffee plantations. Likewise, there are other post-harvest activities that women are solely responsible for such as storage for maize and beans.

- These results which are specific to some villages in Uganda and Tanzania illustrate one type of data that calendar exercises generate.



## BANANA

	Male (%)	Female (%)
Preparing land	65%	35%
Cultivation	76%	24%
Procuring planting material	55%	45%
Digging holes or trenches	54%	46%
Planting	68%	32%
Care for soil and plants	64%	36%
Irrigation	35%	65%
Pruning	65%	35%
Harvesting	60%	40%
Selling	50%	50%



## COFFEE

	Male (%)	Female (%)
Land preparation	83%	17%
Ploughing/Cultivation	50%	50%
Prepare seedling	100%	0%
Digging holes	100%	0%
Spacing	100%	0%
Fertilizer/Manure application	66%	34%
Plant seedling	100%	0%
Weeding	70%	30%
Pesticide application	100%	0%
Fungicide application	100%	0%
Pruning	85%	15%
Desuckering and Pruning	50%	50%
Harvesting	50%	50%
Peeling	50%	50%
Processing	50%	50%
Drying	50%	50%
Fermentation	50%	50%
Washing	50%	50%
Selling	60%	40%



## MAIZE

	Male (%)	Female (%)
Land preparation	50%	50%
Harrowing	50%	50%
Land clearing	84%	26%
Sourcing for inputs	50%	50%
Seed preparation	50%	50%
Digging holes	0%	100%
Planting	18%	82%
Weeding	45%	55%
Earthing up	0%	100%
Fertilizer application	45%	55%
Spray herbicide and pesticide	50%	50%
Add manure	50%	50%
Cultivating	55%	45%
Harvesting	25%	75%
Drying	25%	75%
Selling	50%	50%
Storage	0%	100%



## BEANS

	Male (%)	Female (%)
Primary cultivation	25%	75%
Land clearing	50%	50%
Digging holes	50%	50%
Seeds selection	0%	100%
Planting	0%	100%
Weeding	10%	90%
Spray herbicide and pesticide	50%	50%
Harvesting	16%	84%
Harvesting for eating	25%	75%
Harvesting for selling	0%	100%
Produce home	50%	50%
Drying	12%	88%
Threshing	25%	75%
Winnowing	8%	92%
Selling	33%	67%
Storing	0%	100%



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