

Key concepts relevant for the Women's Empowerment in Livestock Index (WELI)

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Key concepts in the WELI

- Gender
- Empowerment
- Livestock and women's empowerment

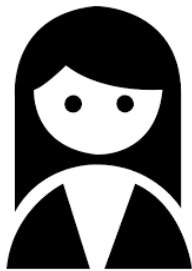
GENDER

Gender

What is 'gender' according to you?!

Gender

Attributes
that society assigns
to women and men, girls and boys
of certain age, ethnicity, social class etc...



**Gender norms affect
who you can be and
what you can do in your life**



EMPOWERMENT

Empowerment

What does empowerment mean to you?

Empowerment

Individuals able to live the life they like



Empowerment is a main development goal



SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

The goal of SDG 5 is to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



WHAT?



1 End discrimination against all women and girls



4 Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work



2 Eliminate violence against all women and girls



5 Ensure women's participation and leadership in decision-making



3 Eliminate all harmful practices such as child marriage



6 Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights

Gendered Empowerment in context





Naserian: “I feel empowered when I can take decisions about the cattle I raise and can decide how to use the income from the cattle”

(Price at al 2018)

Fatma: 'when I started selling the chicken I felt empowered because I made money and could provide for my family...



Key components of empowerment

Identity recognition



Access to resources



Access to opportunities



Decision-making



LIVESTOCK/WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT/GENDER

Livestock/empowerment/gender

What's the connection?!

Women's empowerment for livestock dev.

Women represent the majority of poor livestock keepers (FAO 2011)

Women have limited control over livestock and farm resources



women's empowerment => livestock development

Livestock dev. for women's empowerment

Women represent the majority of poor livestock keepers (FAO 2011)

Livestock can be more easily controlled by women than other assets



Livestock development => women's empowerment

WHY MEASURE THE
EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
IN LIVESTOCK

Why measure empowerment?

Measure women's empowerment to:

- Include it as a goal of interventions
- Show progress of interventions
- Improve approaches to enhance empowerment

Why an empowerment index for livestock?

Measure changes in women's empowerment related to livestock

- If **livestock** interventions can support women's empowerment
- What livestock **activities** can support women's empowerment
- What livestock activities in diff. **species** supports women's empowerment



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The Women's Empowerment in Livestock Index:

Vital progress towards gender equality

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