



Gender in Agrifood Systems Policies

Fostering policy change for equitable agri-food systems in Africa

About the program

The Gender in Agri-food Systems Policies (GASP) program seeks to promote gender-responsive policy and program reforms that will advance equitable and resilient agrifood systems. The Program is premised on the need to address the glaring disparities that profoundly undermine women's ability to contribute and benefit from agricultural innovations, ultimately stifling equitable sustainable development.

Objectives and Expected Results

The Program seeks to drive individual, institutional and systemic-level changes to deliver results in four broad areas:

- Enhanced capacities of women policy professionals to confidently lead policy processes and influence gender-responsive agrifood policies.
- A pan-African network of policy practitioners with the commitment and skills to infuse a gender lens into agrifood policies.
- Increased institutional will, capacity and investments to support gender-responsive policies and processes.
- Increased awareness and appreciation of gender-responsive policies as powerful enablers of women's economic empowerment.



Approach and Activities

The program delivery is through a mix of in-person and virtual approaches and involving individual and collaborative activities carefully designed to incorporate the participants' experience and expertise while fostering cross-learning. The GASP program takes a twin approach focusing on:

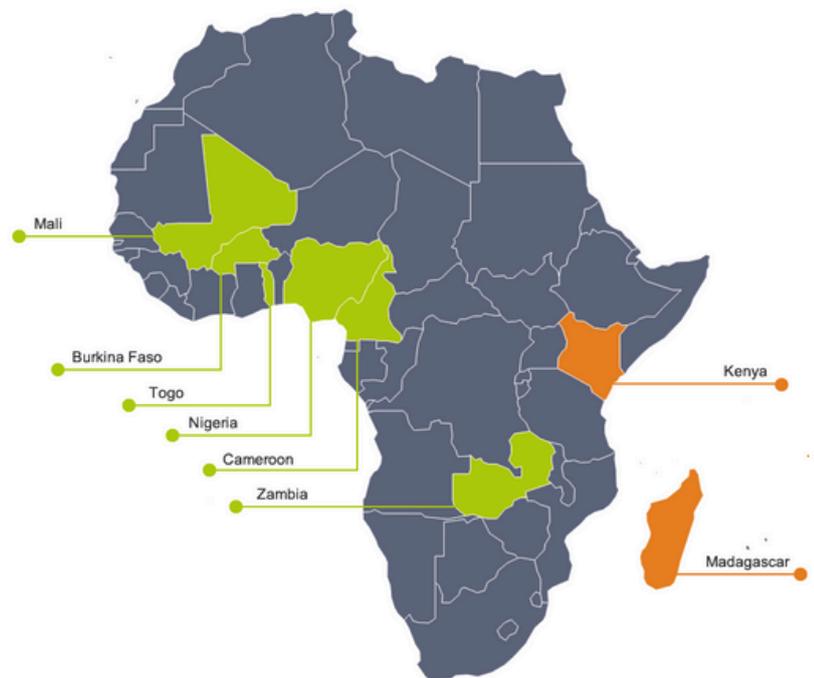
1. Customized training for women policy practitioners with specialized coaching and peer learning to enable them:
 - Acquire practical skills for effective leadership and how to navigate challenges specifically faced by women in policy leadership
 - Explore how policies can exacerbate or reduce gender gaps and inequalities in agrifood systems
 - Review and understand methods for analyzing agrifood policies from a gender perspective

2. Institutional activities including:

- Training on how institutions can provide policy-driven solutions
- Practical ways of conducting gender analyses and action plans focusing on agrifood policies
- Implementation of gender integration in institutional policies and programming

Target countries and participants

The program is implemented in eight countries including Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Nigeria, Togo, Zambia, Kenya, Madagascar where a total of 50 women policy professionals and eight institutions will be selected to undertake the activities.



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