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The role of women in agriculture and rural development in the WB

Policy overview BiH/ Republic of Srpska
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Relevant policy framework for rural women in Republic of Srpska



1. Strategy for agriculture and rural areas 2021-2027
2. Strategy for development of small and medium enterprises 2021-2027 >
Strategy for women entrepreneurship 2019 - 2023
3. Strategy for employment 2021 – 2027
4. Strategy for tourism development 2021 – 2027
5. Strategy for environment protection 2022- 2032
6. Spatial plan
7. ? Gender Action Plan (RS) – Program for rural women)?

Agriculture and rural areas strategy



- !Cross cutting priority Gender equality & rural women situation
 - > Program for employment and self-employment
 - identifies the need to support - (registered) farm ownership by women, dedicated and tailored advisory support, gender sensitive rural infrastructure and public services
 - **SO4: Revitalization of rural areas** (economic, infrastructure, demographic, identity) incl. income diversification on farms
 - RWE not directly, but suggests gender responsive budgeting & specific women relevant social support infrastructure i.e. securing care for children and elderly + within demographic revitalization of rural areas > support for RWE employment
 - Measures for modernization and expansion of agricultural production push for additional support for women
- !Program for development of agricultural collectives/ associations (2019 - 2025)
 - > measure of support for establishing collectives for women (and supporting joining existing ones)
 - > noting women's preference towards women association, over farmers associations



SMEs strategy and Employment strategy

SMEs strategy

- SO1: Revitalisation and growth of entrepreneurship with focus on youth and women > Priority 1.2 Development of youth and women entrepreneurship
- Strategy for development of **women entrepreneurship** 2019 -2023
 - Strategic objective to support specific areas of women entrepreneurship - crafts and rural WE > dedicated Program for development of entrepreneurship for rural women (RWE)
 - legislation (incl. land ownership), business and sector specific training, women associations, financial incentives

Employment strategy 2021 - 2027

- No dedicated measures for rural women > General programs for employment and self-employment includes extra points for employing women and businesses started by women
- Programs for employment and self-employment of vulnerable categories includes people from rural areas and specific groups of vulnerable women



Tourism and Environment Strategies



Tourism development strategy

- SO4: Support environment for tourism development > Priority 6. Awareness raising campaign and training for RWE for employment in rural/agro tourism
- SO1: Tourism product development includes several specific priorities and actions for rural tourism - some directly relevant for rural women (in agriculture and tourism), but not explicitly targeted for them

Environmental protection strategy

- SO7 Improving environmental management > Priority 7.4 Awareness rising and participation - targets women associations and specifically points out associations that include rural women
- Measures related to gathering forest non-wood products specifically target women





Thank you for you attention!



Questions?

