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

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## THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN MONTENEGRO

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# Historical framework

- *Patriarchal relations in the family*
- *Physically demanding jobs*
- *Without the right to decide*
- *She did not participate in public life*



Kuba Ludvig: Crnogorka iz okoline Bara.  
Людвиг Куба: Черногорка из околностей Бара.  
Kuba Ludvig: Femme monténégrine des environs de Bar.

# *SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS*

- Low level of education;
- Lack of health care;
- Lack of social services
- Insufficient involvement in social processes;
- Life conditions,
- The unpopular work of agriculture



# Everyday work and life of rural women



- Rural women do not have working hours
- Rural women are not paid for their work
- Rural women work both in the house and in the field
- Rural women are responsible for taking care of children and parents

So, “she” works all seven days a week, performs agricultural work during the work season; they work more than full time



# *Invisibility of rural women*



- The work they do on farms and households is not visible enough;
- They do not inherit property;
- Distance from the labor market;
- Bad infrastructure (internet, roads, etc.);
- Lack of social services;
- *The position of women in rural areas is the result of the position of women in general, the position of agriculture as an economic branch, the demographic situation, the position of rural areas in relation to urban areas;*



# Social Inclusion



- ***It is still not at a satisfactory level;***

- **Limiting factors**

- *the traditional view of the role of women in society;*
    - *Lack of adequate support to ease the life of women with two jobs - family and profession;*
    - *distance of the village from the place of the event;*
    - *she does not participate actively in socio-political life, because of patriarchal relations in rural families;*



## REASONS FOR WOMEN LEAVING THE VILLAGE



- **They leave the village because they are RARELY :**

- ✓ property owners, farms, etc.
- ✓ have the role of decision-making on agricultural production;
- ✓ they realize the right to pension and health insurance, it is difficult to register with the labor office, etc.

Census of agriculture of Montenegro (2010): women make up only 12.87% of the heads of family farms;





# *Rural woman today in Montenegro*



- Since 2010, the Government of Montenegro has adopted a significant number of strategies and policies aimed at strengthening the position of women in society;
- The strategy for the development of female entrepreneurship 2015-2020 was adopted; as for the period 2021-2024;
- Agricultural budget of Montenegro has a line support for women's entrepreneurship;
- The local municipalities budget is planned for female entrepreneurship;
- IRF (Investment Development Fund) has a credit line for women in business;



# Rural woman in the future



- Include a gender perspective in local and national policies and recognize women in rural communities as a special group, but also as a resource for community development, because they create new value on their farms, significantly influence the demography of rural communities, the preservation of tradition and the preservation of cultural heritage

- In the future the main goal –
- economic empowerment rural women





- *Thank you for your attention*

