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Leaving no one behind: Greater involvement and empowerment of rural women in Türkiye and Central Asia (LNOB)

Türkiye



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Women are key contributors to agriculture and food production worldwide, balancing vital farming roles with household responsibilities. In Türkiye, rural areas are central to the country's identity and agricultural output, with women playing a crucial role in ensuring food security. However, unrecognized unpaid labour and gender inequalities hinder women's potential and agricultural productivity.



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Project at a glance

Target Countries: Tajikistan, Türkiye and Uzbekistan

Duration: 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2024

Budget: USD 950 000

The LNOB project was implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Türkiye's Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF), funded by the FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programme (FTPP II).

Project objective:

The project aims to improve the socioeconomic status of rural women by supporting agricultural and forestry policies and programmes, and by creating sustainable economic opportunities at the policy and grassroots level in the beneficiary countries of Türkiye, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

- Increasing institutional mechanisms and capacities

- Empowering rural women's capacities

- Regional dialogue and knowledge sharing



Final Conference, December 2023 - Ankara

Project milestones



Regional Inception Workshop: August 2022 – Ankara

Training on Gender Analysis and Mainstreaming in Agriculture and Forestry: December 2022 – Antalya

Identification of Best Practices: 2023

Policy Paper on Gender and Forestry Issues in the context of Türkiye: February 2023

Capacity Building Programme: April 2023

Baseline Assessment: May-June 2023

Capacity Development Workshop: June 2023 – Ankara

First Regional Workshop: December 2023 – Ordu

Rural Women Training on Value Chains: November-December 2023

Equipment Delivery: July-November 2024

Gender Equality Units' Analysis Report: October 2024

Visit of Delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Türkiye: November 2024 – Uzbekistan, Tajikistan

Women's Best Practices and Success Stories: December, 2024

Project Podcast: December 2024

Project implementation and progress in 3 pilot provinces in Türkiye

The LNOB project supports rural women through Gender Equality Units in Burdur, Kahramanmaraş and Ordu, providing training, technical assistance and equipment.

Burder Province, Bucak District



Value chain: Fig

Training: Food safety

Beneficiary women trained:

31 rural women

Equipment beneficiaries:

1 women's cooperative with 13 members

Ordu Province, Ikizce District

Value chain: Honey – Beekeeping

Training: General concepts of beekeeping activities

Beneficiary women trained:

40 rural women

Equipment beneficiaries:

14 rural women



Kahramanmaraş Province

Value chain: yoghurt and persimmon

Training: agricultural supports, and yogurt and persimmon production

Beneficiary women trained:

56 rural women

Equipment beneficiaries: 31 rural women and 1 women's cooperative





Kahramanmaraş Equipment Ceremony, September 2024



Ordu Equipment Ceremony, July 2024



Burdur Equipment Ceremony, November 2024

Project contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

The LNOB project aligns with FAO's Policy on Gender Equality (2012) by committing to "leave no one behind," essential for eliminating hunger, reducing poverty, creating sustainable food systems, and fostering inclusive rural development. It specifically supports SDGs 1, 2 and 5, promoting awareness and action toward these goals.



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