

DISCUSSION 2: VISIONING SUCCESSFUL MALE AND FEMALE FARMERS (20 MIN)

WHAT IS THIS DISCUSSION?

Participants imagine opportunities and challenges in becoming a successful farmer if they were the opposite gender.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Participants can reflect on challenges in ongoing project interventions, or envision their opportunities in farming. It also prepares participants for the gender-swapping role play in Activity 3, as well as gives space to dismantle roadblocks for female farmers.

STEPS:

Step 1: Divide the participants into two mixed gender groups. Choose a participant to take notes on the chart paper.

Step 2: Ask participants to imagine themselves as a farmer of the opposite gender. Give participants time to let them imagine this new identity and life.

Step 3: For one group, ask: “What are the opportunities to becoming a successful female farmer? What are the challenges to becoming a successful female farmer?”. For the other group, ask the same two questions, but regarding male farmers.

Step 4: Ask the males, who are imagining that they are female farmers: “As female farmers, what will help you become successful?”

Step 5: Ask one group member to present the opportunities and challenges for the gender they discussed. As a larger group, discuss the differences between what the male and female groups described.



CHALLENGES FOR FEMALE FARMER	OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEMALE FARMERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Not being allowed to plow● Household workload and coming late to meetings● Not allowed to start water pumps● ...● ...● ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Collective labor support through other farmers● Confidence to speak up in groups● Increasing cropping areas● ...● ...● ...