FARM AFRICA KENYA SNAPSHOT ON WOMEN ENGAGEMENT IN PROGRAMMES

Farm Africa recognises that inclusive economic growth requires full participation of both women and men. In Kenya, all our programmes strive to engage, empower and benefit both women and men by ensuring that their contribution is visible and valued and that they all have equal access to information, assets, services and opportunities.

Our programme activities aim at ensuring women inclusion, representation and participation. Overall results from ongoing projects indicate that of the more than 15,520 beneficiaries reached in 2020, 52% were women.

Farm Africa continues to support smallholder farmers to grow more, sell more and sell for more so as to bring about transformative change. Below are highlights on some of the achievements realised so far with a key focus on women. (Data source: 2020 Annual PPR, Farm Africa Continuous monitoring data and Okolea back end data).

- **63% of the 154 Village-Based Advisors (VBAs) identified and trained on regenerative agriculture practices and supported in development of a business model for the service they offer are women.**
  - The project has been able to push for women to be embedded in the Counties’ budget making process hence ensuring any issues pertaining to them in the sector are voiced.
  - (Regenerative Agriculture Project)

- **51% of the 1,617 workers who benefitted from the green energy project (issuance of LPG cylinders and burner tops) are women.**
  - The initiative has improved worker households’ and wellbeing through safe use of clean energy veering from the traditional energy sources such as kerosene stoves and charcoal.
  - (Waitrose & Partners Foundation)

- **64% of the 81 stakeholders directly engaged in aquaculture policy lobbying are women.**
  - The project has been able to push for women to be embedded in the Counties’ budget making process hence ensuring any issues pertaining to them in the sector are voiced.
  - (Strengthening Aquaculture Ecosystems in Kenya (SAEK) Project)

- **54% of the 3,317 farmers trained on Global Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for vegetable production are women.**
  - Acquisition of the global GAP certification allows the farmers access export markets for their crops and consequently boosted household incomes.
  - (Growing Futures Project)

- **46% of the 2,654 workers benefiting from feeding programmes are women.**
  - Self-reported feedback from workers indicated increased motivation and ability to be more productive in their output and daily deliverables.
  - (Waitrose & Partners Foundation)

- **45% of the 1,727 farm workers who accessed finance through the Okolea money-lending platform are women.**
  - Most of these loans have been used as capital injection into small businesses while some other households have used this to fund education needs.
  - (Waitrose & Partners Foundation)