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## Measuring Women’s Empowerment in Nutrition-sensitive Agricultural Development Projects

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### Abstract

Many agricultural development projects aim to empower women to improve nutrition, income, or other outcomes. But how do we know which interventions are most effective? The project-level Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (pro-WEAI) is a new survey-based index for measuring women’s empowerment, agency, and inclusion of women in the agriculture sector. Pro-WEAI is a set of quantitative and qualitative tools that help agricultural development projects assess women’s empowerment in a project setting, diagnose areas of women’s disempowerment, design strategies to address deficiencies, and monitor project outcomes. Pro-WEAI is being piloted in 13 agricultural development projects in eight countries in Africa and South Asia, including six projects that have piloted pro-WEAI’s nutrition- and health-focused add-on modules. This presentation will introduce pro-WEAI and highlight two nutrition-focused projects in Bangladesh and Burkina Faso that are piloting the tool.

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