

Intra-Household Gender Division of Labor and Time-Use Patterns: Implications for Agriculture and Well-Being in Rural Ethiopia.



Manale Andargie Embiyale², Stefan Wahlen¹

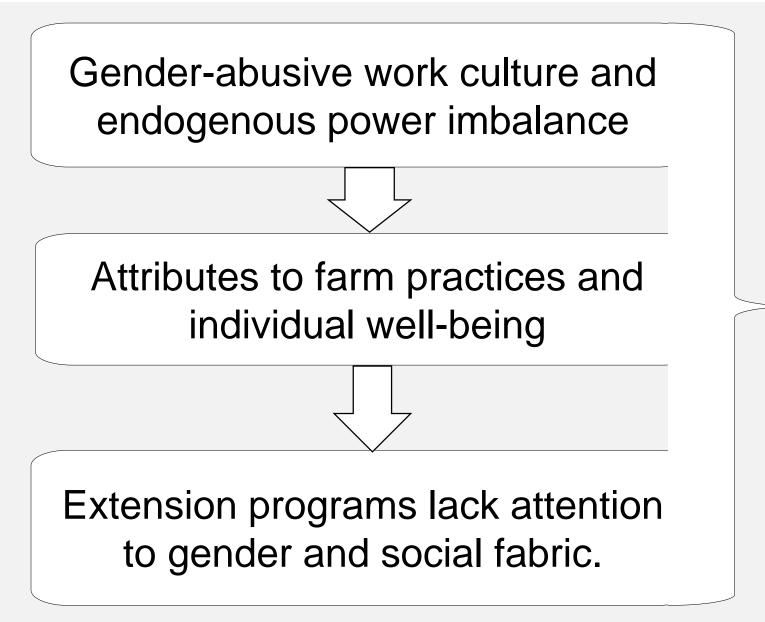
¹Professorship for Consumer Research, Communication and Food Sociology, Senckenbergstrasse 3. 35390 Giessen, Germany ²International PhD Program in Agricultural Economics, Bioeconomy and Sustainable Food Systems (IPPAE), Justus-Liebig University Giessen, Germany

1. Introduction

- Gender roles in rural Ethiopia are shaped by a combination of structural and gender norms.
- Men and women have different socially accepted roles and economic participation.
- Women bear a disproportionate burden, time poverty and limited access to economic opportunities.

Claim

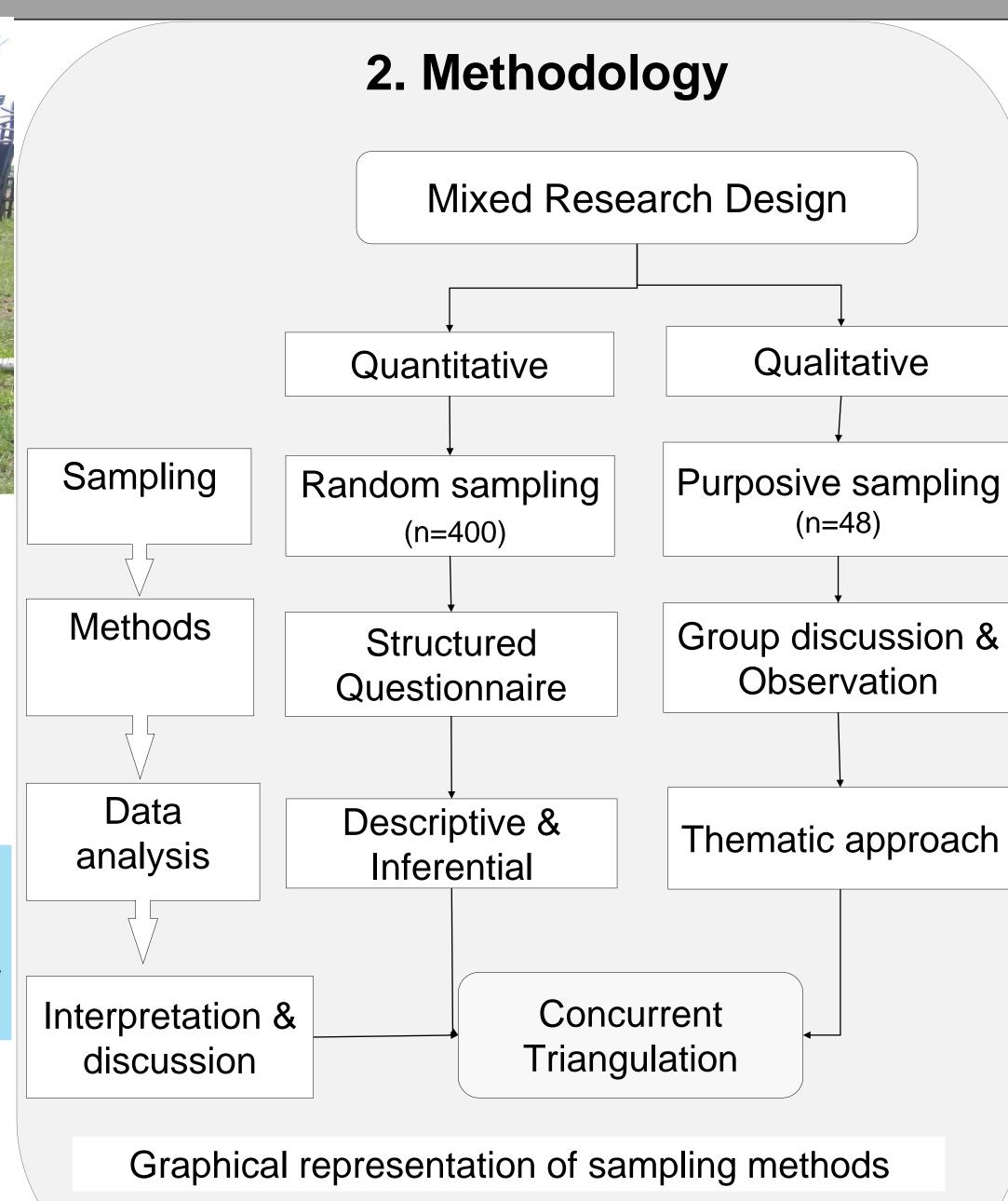
women



Objective: Explore the gendered division of labor, timeuse pattern and its implication for agricultural practices.

Figure 1: Men are trained to be "real farmers", while women are treated as "housekeepers" Division of labor and factors **Factors** Religious values Agriculture **Tradition norms** Work Stereotypes e.s. Plowing Women's work, Undervalued Mainly Mainly

men



3. Results

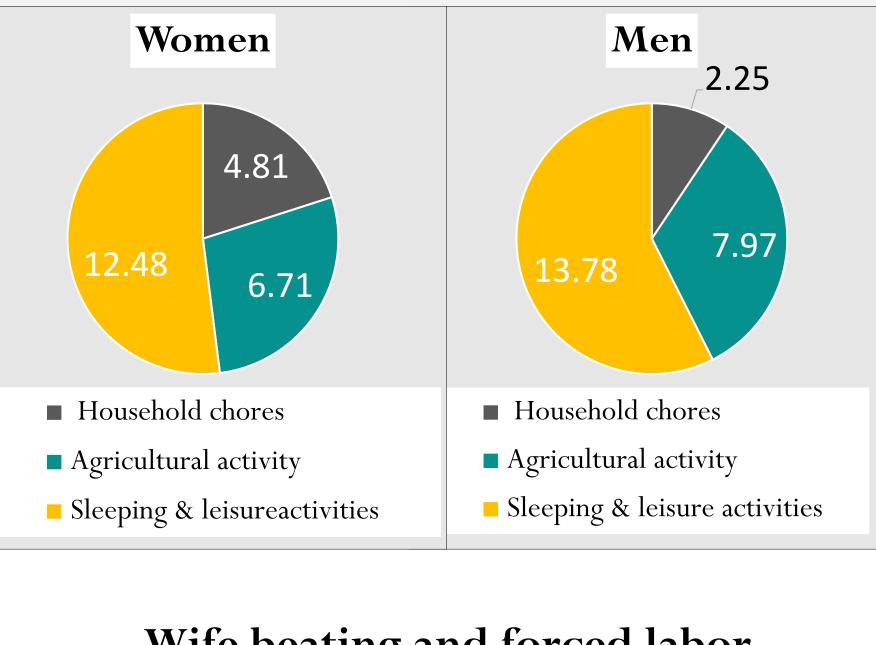
Agriculture work

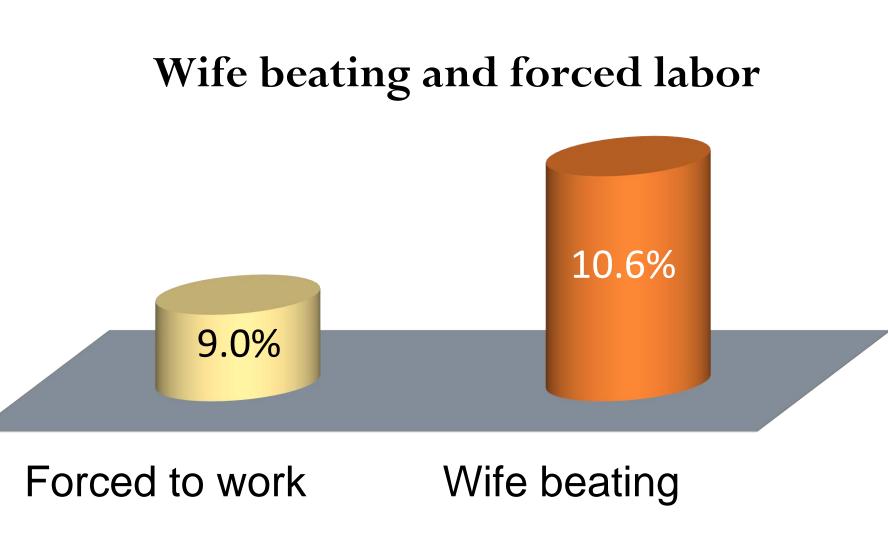
Both

Marketing

Work hour distribution by gender

 Women overloaded (11.52 hrs./day) compared to men (10.22 hrs./day).

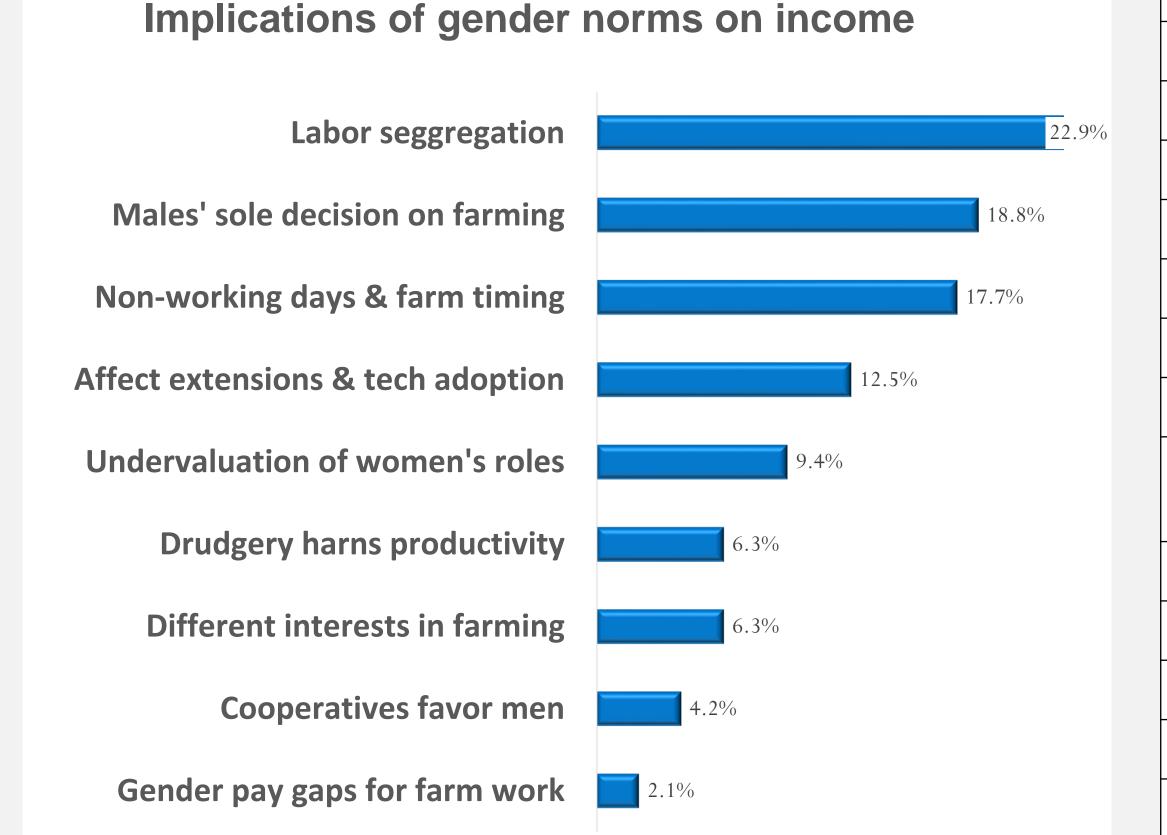




- 10.6% women experience work-related violence
- 9% facing health issues due to daily activities.

How gender role affect farm income?

- Labor segregation affects efficient labor productivity.
- Wage gaps reduce women's effort in agricultural work.
- Exclusion of women from agricultural cooperatives affects timely completion of work.
- Forced labor and abusive practices undermine women's sense of ownership and courage to work.
- Lack of extension services for women hinders the adoption of improved techniques.



Determinants of farm income (y= income)

Lack of educational (-)

Increase in family size (+)

Living with under5 children (-)

Increase in distance to markets (-)

Access to agricultural extension services (+)

Land ownership and increase in land size (+)

An increase in time spent on household chores (-)

DV: Annual income Coef. Std. Err. [95% CI] -20899.1 29940.1 4520.51 12917.28 Age (scale) 3477.90 -13780.5 -92.3 Education status (1 = none) -6936.39 Years in marriage (scale) 185.03 .06 -714.1 14.1 -349.98 Family size 1178.42 .00 1718.7 6356.6 4037.66 Children under 5 (1= Yes) -17837.1 -3807.6 -10822.4 3564.63 Distance to market (scale) 369.95 -1589.7 -133.6 -861.65 13714.30 5026.36 3823.1 23605.5 Have own farmland (1 = Yes).01 Land size (scale) 7025.61 2684.99 1741.9 12309.3 24828.0 38915.9 Extension (1 = Yes) 31871.97 3579.46 5.19E Visited by experts (1= Yes) 558.08 3261.42 -5860.0 6976.2 3628.51 -1418.8 12862.2 Own a radio (1 = Yes) 5721.70 -9230.1 5911.7 Leadership role (1= Yes) -1659.19 3847.23 -47.2 Hours on chores (scale) -2763.30 1380.24 .05 -5479.4 9463.9 2259.87 3660.80 -4944.1 Time poverty (1= Not poor)

4. Conclusion

- Burdened with agricultural and household chores, women experience severe time poverty in rural households.
- Limit their participation in extension services and increases their vulnerability to forced labor and economic marginalization.
- A disproportionate share of work reduces work efficiency and motivation, inequality in wages and cooperatives, and limited technology adoption.
- Lack of education, child care, distance to markets, & household chores reduce farm income, while larger families, extension, and farm size have positive effects.
- The need to reduce time poverty and increase productivity through community education and investment in time-saving technologies.



