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RESEARCH NOTES

Tools for the Field: Methodologies Handbook for Gender Analysis in Agriculture Edited by Feldstein and Jiggins. Published 1994 in the United States of America by Kumarian Press, Inc., 630 Oak Avenue, Suite 119, West Hartford, Connecticut 06110-1529.

By Consolata Kabonesa

One of the major concerns in agricultural research and production is reaching the small farm households with efficient and cost-effective technology so that they can increase food production for their families and the rest of the population, especially in developing countries. Finding research methods that work is one way of solving the problem of the small farm household and food production. *Tools for the Field* contains real examples of research experiences from the field that people have used, that worked for them, and they are happy to share with others. The book is a result of the 1984 Gender and Agriculture Project. It documents individual researchers successes and frustrations in getting information on the roles of male and female farmers. It also includes presentations on Methodologies of Gender Analysis at various symposium of the Association for Farming Systems Research and Extension.

The book includes a foreword which stresses the fact that science can be more effective in research and development when used "with an understanding of small farmers and their production systems" and that the "need to bring small farm households to the center of research and development process remains urgent". The book also has a preface and an introduction. The introduction explains how the book came about; makes a case for gender-focused research in agricultural research; and explains how to go about conducting gender analysis to collect gender-sensitive information. *Tools for the Field* presents thirty-nine practical cases showing how researchers have used various research methods to access gender-related information in agriculture. One of the messages that runs through the cases is how important it is to understand gender differences in developing technologies to meet agricultural needs for small farm households.

The book is divided into four parts. Part I includes cases on learning about the system and initial diagnosis: not only how important it is to learn about the farming system first, but also to learn who to ask, what to ask. Cases range from how to manage and exploit bias during research to the use of participatory research methods. Some specific cases report on how the use of open exploratory surveys on a single crop can provide rich information on seed variety choice, planting methods, and processing techniques; how to use women and men informants to develop interview schedules and protocols; the use of farmer groups in addition to surveys of individual farmers to provide examples for discussion guide to be used in community workshops; the use of existing formal and informal groups to get general information, shared problems and potential resolutions. After

learning about the farming system in the area, then it is time to carry out the actual research, Part II reports on research planning, on-farm experimentation, and on-farm trial assessment. This part stresses how important it is to be specific in data collection regarding gender issues; to be explicit in the selection criteria of identifying farmers for on-farm trials; and working with low resource farmers in implementing and assessing on-farm trials; the use of farmers to evaluate crop variety; holding separate field days for female and male farmers to encourage assessment of the trials; and the use of parallel evaluation by producers and users.

Part III focuses on the issue of on-going diagnosis and special studies which emphasize clarification of special activities and farmer decision making techniques. Cases present the use of participant observation on issues from female crop preference through crop processing techniques; and the use of record keeping and time allocation techniques. Part IV looks at extension training and institutionalization. It shows examples of how home economic teachers have been retrained and incorporated in extension activities; how male extension workers can be trained to reach women farmers; the use of mass communication to extend gender-related messages; how projects were modified as a result of gender analysis techniques; and ways of training national research system in gender analysis skills.

The book concludes with a letter from the field telling how an individual researcher came to realize the importance of reaching women farmers. Although the book does not present academic scholarly materials, it is very practical for colleges and universities, research centers, grassroots organizers and practitioners, planners, and policy advocates. It is a very important tool for those interested in agricultural research and food production.

WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT UIUC

Assessing WID information: undergraduate, graduate students and other individuals interested in WID issues can now avail themselves of the information provided on Internet by utilizing the IBM personal computer located in the WID Research Room. If you wish to do so, you may make an appointment for an introductory session with the Research Assistant, Aida Orgocka. Her hours are Monday 13:00-16:30; Tuesday 12:30-16:30; and Thursday 13:30-16:00. You can reach her at the WID Research Room telephone number 244-1722. The computer has Netscape 2.0 installed. We will be upgrading the program in the near future. Several entries in Netscape like the one related to Womens Net of the Institute for Global Communication, have been book marked to facilitate and speed accessing necessary information.

The WID Research Room has recently been subscribed to the Conference of Network of East-West Women called women-east-west. This conference is on the Peacenet e-mail network. It can be found:

- news about the Network of East-West Women
- calls for papers on gender issues, especially in East and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union
- information about conferences/fundraising/job postings
- discussions of gender issues in East and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

To subscribe individually, a message may be sent to majordomo@igc.apc.org. In the body of the message you need to write only subscribe women-east-west.

WID ASSOCIATES

Dr. Brenda Krause-Eheart, Associate Director, Office of Women in International Development, was named one of the Women of the Year by Ms. Magazine in recognition for hard working and successful efforts in establishing and creating a community for at-risk children - the Hope Project in Rantoul.

Aida Orgocka, Graduate Student at the Department of Human and Community Development has been invited to present in the 22nd Annual Feminist Psychology Conference: "Forging the Future Feminist." The Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from March 6-9. Aida will present the paper "Masculinity and

Femininity Concepts among Albanian High School Students." She will be reporting results of her study performed during Summer 1996 in Albania.

STUDY & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **The Women's Studies Program at Michigan University** is pleased to offer an undergraduate program of study in London this Summer, July 1-August 1. Students will enroll for as many as eight semester credits from the following course offerings: WS 491 - Special topics in Women Studies (4 credits) - emphasizes women and gender as it relates to the British culture. WS-490 - Independent Study (1-4 credits) - an individual reading and research source on women and gender. The students will live in a British residence hall in central London which is within walking distance to the classroom and near the British Museum. Program cost: accommodations, breakfast and dinner, study abroad program fee and class activities will be approximately \$2,647. Program fees do not include tuition and fees or transportation to and from England. **Enrollment deadline: March 14, 1997.** A \$75 application fee is required at the time of enrollment. Upon acceptance, a \$250 down payment will be charged. Both fees will be applied to the program cost and are nonrefundable if the student is accepted into the program. For further information contact: Women's Studies, 301 Linton Hall, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI 48824; e-mail: wmsty@pilot.msu.edu

- **The Network of East-West Women** announces the creation of an internship for recent law graduates interested in incorporating women's rights activism. The internship gives participants an opportunity to acquire additional skills to work in their own countries. The internship will consist of a three-four month (Fall 1997) intensive training experience with a western European or United States organization that mounts legal challenges and does policy analysis on behalf of women's rights. The internship will be followed by a one-year placement in 1998 with an organization dedicated to women's rights in the intern's home country. The internship covers travel costs, room and board expenses during training. Application include: resume in English; evidence of fluency in English (school records or examination results); personal statement on particular interests within the field of women's rights, any work with women's organizations, declaration that candidate will be available to participant in the program beginning September 1997, applicant is prepared to return home to work within her country for a full year, and applicant's future plans. **Deadline March 10, 1997.** One copy of the application should be sent to the Network of East-West Women, EELC Internship Program, 1601, Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20009. Another complete application should be sent to Ms. Emilia Piwnik, EELC Project Regional Headquarters, c/o Women's Rights Center, ul. Wilcza 60 m 19, V-pietro, 00-679 Warsaw, Poland. Applicant should advise Warsaw - e-mail: temida@medianet.com.pl . and Washington - e-mail: newwdc@igc.apc.org . when they have posted their application packets.

- **The Royal Tropical Institute** announces a **Training Workshop on Women, Gender and Development (TWGD3) from June 8-25, 1997:** A 2-5 week international training workshop for men and women who wish to improve gender analytical skills and participatory training methodology. Participants are required to have some basic knowledge, awareness and experience in the area of women, gender and development broadly. The training program has been developed by the Women Development Training Program. Training will be conducted in English and will take place at the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. For more information contact: The Department of Culture, Management and Development, Mauriskade 63, 1092 AD Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Tel. 31 (0) 20-5688 711. Fax: 31(0) 20-5688 434.

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS

- **Fifth Women's Global Leadership Institute** titled: "Women's Human Rights: Realizing Our Visions" will be held in New Brunswick, New Jersey June 15 through 28, 1997. Approximately 20 women from diverse regions, cultures, and interests will share experiences; develop feminist strategies on Women's Human Rights; work on cross-cultural collaboration and plans for influencing how the international community deals with these issues; and learn and exchange leadership skills and organizing techniques. Participants will also meet with resource people from the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and foundations in the USA. For more information contact: Susana Fried, Institute Coordinator, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Douglass College, 27 Clifton Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, USA. Tel (908) 932-8782. Fax: (908) 932-1180. Email: cwgl@igc.apc.org. Source: International Women's Tribune Center.

- **Business and Professional Women's Foundation** announces an Academic Symposium on The Duality of Work and Family Roles to be held July 16, 1997 at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. The Symposium will focus on day care issues; how are demographic changes affecting societal attitudes towards combining work and family life; the federal welfare reform plan and child care; research on good child care and elder care; options for international care which could benefit both children and elders ; and many more. For further information contact: BPW Symposium, Meetings Department, 2112 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036. Tel. (202) 293-1100. Fax: (202) 861-0298.

- **The Rutgers Institute for Research on Women** is pleased to announce the **Fifteenth Annual Celebration of Our Work Conference** with the theme Women's Activism. The conference will be held on May 15, 1997 at Hickman Hall on the Douglass College Campus. Some topics to be covered include: grassroots and community activism; politics and/as activism; local/global activism; women's health activism; student activism; theories of activism; mobilizing theory; feminist activism and identity/difference: race, ethnicity, class, sexuality; etc. For further information contact: Women's Activism, Institute for Research on Women, 27 Clifton Avenue, Douglass College Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08903. Phone: (908) 932-9072. E-mail: irw_mail@email.rutgers.edu

- **The Center for African Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign** announces a Mid-Western Student Conference that will take place March 1 and 2, 1997. Conference organizers are expecting 60+ presenters from the UIUC and other Universities in the Mid-West. The conference will have a special focus on African women's issues with the theme: **Celebrating the African Woman**. Professor Alice Deck from UIUC - will present on African Women writers and eight graduate students will present on diverse topics such as Feminist Scholarship in Africa to Women and Conflict Resolution. The panel will take place at the University YMCA in the basement , on March 1, at 9 O'clock. For further information on the conference contact: The Center for African Studies, UIUC, 210 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820 Tel. (217) 333-6335.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **University of Illinois dissertation grants:**

1. **Dissertation Completion Fellowships** are designed to help students complete the doctoral degree by providing a tuition waiver and one year stipend of \$15,000. Applicants should have completed all

requirements for the doctoral degree except the dissertation and should anticipate defending their dissertations by the end of the academic year in which they hold the grant. Eligible UIUC students must be nominated their department.. Deadline: April 17, 1997.

2. **Dissertation Travel Grants** are available to subsidize travel and other related costs in doctoral dissertation research, including topic exploration (prior to preliminary examination) and dissertation research. The maximum is \$5000. Deadline: March 27, 1997 for travel commencing after May 1, 1997. For more information contact your department or the Fellowship Office, 209 Coble Hall, 333-0036.

- **The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows program** provides mid-career professionals from developing countries for a year of study in American Universities. (Over 150 fellows are selected each year from over a hundred different countries). Administered by the USIA Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, applicants must apply through their home country American Embassy, USIS office or Fulbright Commission. Encourage more women to apply and encourage local committees to recommend more women.

- **The Maria Pia Gratton International Award** was established at the University of Illinois by family and friends of Maria Pia Gratton, who passed away on October 31, 1995, at the age of 47. The award includes tuition, fees, and a stipend to enable a female student from outside the United States to have academic and cultural experience at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Requirements: Applicant must be female, no age limit,; mothers are encouraged to apply; preference will be given to those who have limited opportunity to travel outside of their home country; place of residence should be outside the United States; be eligible to be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate program, need not enroll in a degree program. Application deadline: April 4, 1997. Application forms are available from the Office of International Admissions, UIUC, 410 Metallurgy and Mining Building, 1304 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL. 61801.

- **Monbusho Research Scholarship** for study or research in Japan. Grants are 18 months or two years and include six months of language study, if warranted. Eligibility: US citizens, under 35 years. For more information contact: Consulate General of Japan, Olympia Center, Suite 1000, 737 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Tel (312)280-0430.

- **Rotary Foundation Scholarships for International Understanding** are for one year study in any country that has Rotary Clubs. There are scholarships for graduate, undergraduate students, teachers and more. Applicants must be nominated by their local Rotary Club. For information and applications, contact your local Rotary Club. Deadline June or earlier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

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- **Peace Petition from Women of the World to Governments of the World:**

We, the women of the world, are horrified at the levels of violence witnessed during this century and that women and children are the primary victims of war and poverty. On behalf of society at large, we demand that annually, for the next five years, at least five per cent of national military expenditures be diverted to health, education and employment program. By doing so, one half billion dollars a day would be released worldwide for programs to improve living standards. We also demand that war, slavery, colonialism and apartheid, be outlawed as totally unacceptable form of social behavior, and that governments and civil society together develop new institutions that do not resort to violence for the settlement of disputes. Together, we commit ourselves, as half of the world's population, to use our power to ensure that these demands, which will promote international peace and security, are met through legislation and action. We resolve that we

inaugurate a new century that rejects warfare and promotes human welfare"

This petition is being circulated worldwide, and will be presented to the 50th Anniversary Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, March 10-21, 1997 and at the United Nations General Assembly in September, 1997. Source: International Women's Tribune Center.

- **The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)** seeks articles for *The Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly's* special issue under the general rubric of "South to North." International (or "Northern") Non-governmental Organizations have long been involved in transferring knowledge from North to South. The idea behind this special issue is to use the lens of nonprofit activism to question the inevitability of the question of that knowledge flow. Included in this issue could be articles that focus on the innovative ideas initiated in the developing countries that are relevant to problems in the developed world and articles about projects in the developed countries, such as micro-enterprise loans projects, that originated in the developing countries. The issue could also include articles that focus on knowledge transfer from east to west. The deadline for submission of papers is May 15, 1997. Four copies of papers should be sent the NVSQ Editorial Offices, c/o Prof. Carl Milofsky, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837. For further information contact special issue editors Adil Najam or Julie Fisher, Program on Nonprofit Organizations, Yale University, 88 Trumbull St., New Haven, CT 06520. Tel. (203) 432-2134; e-mail: 71031.1346.COMUSERVE@COM or contact NVSQ Editor Carl Milofsky, tel. (717) 524-3468; e-mail: milofsky@bucknell.edu

- **M. E. Mlambiti and A. K. Kashuliza**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Sokoine University of Agriculture, P. O. Box 3007, Morogoro, Tanzania announce a new journal, the *Journal of Agricultural Economics and Development*. The editors are particularly interested in articles relating to Southern Africa. For information contact the above editors.

- **International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)**, Washington, DC has named Dr. Geeta Rao Gupta as its new president. Dr. Rao Gupta was promoted from her position as ICRW vice president to replace Dr. Mayra Buvinic who was ICRW's president and founder. Dr. Mayra Buvinic is moving to Inter-American Bank Development as chief of the Women and Development Unit and IDB's Special Advisor on Violence. Dr. Rekha Mehra has been named as Vice President to replace Dr. Rao Gupta. Source: ICRW press release.

- **Arab Women Speak Out: An Empowering Self-Portrayal** is an innovative documentary, training and advocacy project designed to promote women's empowerment and engagement in social development throughout the Near East region. The project features a documentary video profiling women from several Arab countries who have become agents of social change within their countries. The video together with the discussion guide, the training module and case publication will be disseminated for training, advocacy and as a mobilization tool. The project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Arab Gulf Program for the UN Development Organizations (AGFUND), UNDP, the European Commission (EC) and UNICEF. For more information on the project contact: Dr. Carol Underwood or Bushra Jabre or Lauren Goodsmith, John Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs, 111 Market Place, Suite 310, Baltimore, Maryland, USA . Tel. (410) 659-6300. Fax: (410) 659-6266. OR Faiza Ben Hadid, Center of Arab Women for Training and Research, 44, Rue de Pologne - 1005 El Omrane, Tunis, Tunisia. Tel. (216-1) 571-945 or (216-1) 571-867. Fax: (216-1) 574-627.

RESOURCES/PUBLICATIONS

- **Resources from Women, Ink.**, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA. Tel. (212) 687-8633. Fax: (212) 661-2704. E-mail: wink@igc.apc.org

1. *Voices of Women: Forward with Dignity and Wholeness* (1996) edited by Patricia Moore Harbour and Lyne Twist. *Voices* reveals the courageous leadership, unforgettable spirit and global perspective from the hearts

of women who attended the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. This anthology of essays on the fight for human rights, equality, sexual and reproductive rights; on spiritual quests; on the importance of families; and on the hope for world peace gives voice to women who went to Beijing, what they found there, and how they became empowered to create a safe and healthy world for women and girls, men and boys. Price: US\$16.95.

2. *Beyond Promises: Governments in Motion one year after the UN Fourth World Conference* (1996) by Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO). *Beyond Promises* is a progress report on how governments around the world are responding to women's agendas one year after the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. The report includes a survey of over 50 governments on the implementation of the critical areas of concern in the Platform for Action. The majority of the governments reported settings up of institutional mechanisms, while other are involving non-governmental activists in follow-up mechanisms. *Beyond Promises* is a valuable guide for women groups in their efforts to monitor and remind governments of the commitments made at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Price: US\$5.00.

3. *A Manual for Socioeconomic and Gender Analysis: Responding to the Development Challenge* (1995) by Barbara Thomas-Slaytor, Rachel Polestico, Andrea Esser, Octavia Taylor and Elvina Mutua. The book provides development professionals, especially those working as planners, organizers, educators, project managers, or community catalysts with concepts and tools to facilitate local empowerment and capacity-building to make their work more effective and appropriate to the needs and interests of local people. It offers over 40 participatory tools and strategies for socioeconomic and gender analysis, provides mini-case studies of non-governmental organizations' development activities in different settings around the world, and suggests ways to clarify objectives and to measure effectiveness. Price: US\$27.00

4. *Women's Agenda for Action: From UN Conferences to US Priorities* identifies US women's priorities from the programs of action of the recent UN Conferences of 1994-95: the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo); the World Summit on Social Development (Copenhagen); and the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing). *Women's Agenda for Action* focuses on issues such as violence and women, health, social welfare and social safety nets, immigration, work and employment, and economic development. *Women's Agenda for Action* analyzes each issue from the US perspective, explores further research agendas, discusses policy implications, and suggests local community actions. Recommended for women's organizations, community groups, ecumenical and interfaith groups, labor unions, government agencies, NGOs, women's studies programs and other programs at colleges and universities, research centers, grassroots organizers, and policy advocates. Price: US\$6.95. For further information contact: the Center of Concern, 3700 13TH ST. NE, Washington, DC 20017.

5. *Gender in Popular Education: Methods for Empowerment* (1995) edited by Shirley Walters and Linzi Manicom. *Gender in Popular Education* is a collection of reflections on feminist adult education work in grassroots organizations, development projects, formal institutions and community education programs in a wide variety of countries. It examines education methodologies and learning strategies that lead to women's empowerment. Price: US\$25.00

6. *Speaking Out: Women's Economic Empowerment in South Asia* (1996) edited by Marilyn Carr, Martha Chen and Renana Jhabvala. The book draws on experiences of seven South Asian non-governmental organizations to show how changes are happening at the grassroots level and analyzes and defines economic empowerment from the perspective of women themselves. The book is highly recommended for students of development and practitioners, women's organizations and those with interest in South Asia. Price: US\$18.95

7. *Women, Information Technology and Scholarship (WITS) Colloquium 1993* edited by H. Jeanie Taylor, Cheris Kramarae and Maureen Ebben. Based on the research and findings of the WITS colloquium at the

University of Illinois, the book highlights the fact that new information technologies have major, often unforeseen, implications for the politics and reconstitution of gender, race, and class in universities. The book is an important resource for all those concerned about the politics of information technologies processes at major universities. Price: US\$10.00

From Westview Press, 5500 Central Ave., Boulder, Colorado 80301-2877. Tel. (303)444-3541. Fax:(303) 449-3356. *Gender, Lineage, Ethnicity in Southern Africa* (1996) by Jean Davison. The book shows how lineage ideologies are constructed and change over time in the Zambezi River region, where matriliney and patriliney coexist. Contents: Introduction: Lineage, Descent and Ethnicity. Where Ethnicity, Clan, and Lineage Meet. Changing Gender Relations of Production and Power: Nyasaland and the Rhodesia. Nation Building, Ethnicity, and the Gendered State: Men Build; Women Work. Rural Development and Shifting Gender Relations. Women's Empowerment: From Grassroots organizations to International Policy Forums. Advancing Gender Equity in the Future. Price: US\$50.40 hard cover, \$15.95 paper back.

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