

Namibia - Empowering Women in Small-Scale Fisheries for Sustainable Food Systems

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TITLE

Empowering Women in Small-Scale Fisheries for Sustainable Food Systems

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Namibia	NAM

STUDY TYPE

Agricultural Survey [ag/oth]

ABSTRACT

To support sustainable food systems and nutrition, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) provided funding to FAO to support initial project activities in five countries (Sierra Leone, Malawi, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania) with a focus on strengthening women's roles in the small-scale fisheries post-harvest sector between 2020-2021. In extension to this project, the FAO Flexible Voluntary Contributions fund (FVC) provided funding from 2021-2023, expanding the project implementation to four more countries (Indonesia, Madagascar, Namibia and the Philippines) for a total of nine countries. In general, the project conducted a baseline survey as well as a needs assessment and mapping of women's organizations. However, for Namibia only a baseline survey was conducted, using three survey instruments to capture information from various stakeholders. They include:

Baseline Individual/Household level Survey: The baseline study conducted for this project included individual intercept surveys targeting women as actors in small-scale fisheries value chains. The purpose of the survey was to understand both the individual respondent (i.e., the woman) and her household's involvement in fisheries, how they acquire and consume fish, their experiences of food security and dietary practices, and participation in fisheries governance and organizations. Approximately 300 women were surveyed per country. This study was conducted for baseline monitoring and evaluation of the FVC project "Implementing the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines for Gender-Equitable and Climate-Resilient Food Systems and Livelihoods" (FMM/GLO/155/MUL).

Baseline Focus group discussions: Focus group discussions were held in each landing site alongside data collection using other survey instruments. The purpose of the focus group discussions was to elicit qualitative data reflecting the opinions of women from the same fish landing sites on key issues affecting their work, status, and roles in the sector. This included their opinions of discrimination or harassment against women, their voice in decision-making and ability to influence fisheries governance, changes in gender relations over time, and their access to training, facilities, and assets needed to conduct their fisheries activities. This study was conducted for baseline monitoring and evaluation of the FVC project "Implementing the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines for Gender-Equitable and Climate-Resilient Food Systems and Livelihoods" (FMM/GLO/155/MUL).

Baseline Key Informant Interviews with Individuals (with policy-level influence in the small-scale fishing sector): The baseline study conducted for this project included key informant interviews with those in policy, programme, or other similar levels of sector influence (e.g., Policy Makers, Government, Projects, Programmes working on social and health interventions in fishing communities). The purpose of the key informant interviews was to understand the opinion of respondents on local diet and eating patterns of the community, women's empowerment, and facilities that serve fish workers. In addition, the questions sought to gain an understanding of what is already known at decision-making levels in regards to the FAO SSF Guidelines and knowledge of fishing community's capacity building needs and how learning and technological change occurs. This study was conducted for baseline monitoring and evaluation of the FVC project "Implementing the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines for Gender-Equitable and Climate-Resilient Food Systems and Livelihoods" (FMM/GLO/155/MUL).

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals, Households, Focus Groups

Scope

NOTES

The individual-level survey uses a semi-structured survey instrument that includes: Profile of their household's characteristics - Participation in fisheries activities (individual and household) - Fisheries assets owned - Roles in household decision-making around fish-related activities - Experience with food insecurity (Food Insecurity Experience Scale- FIES) - Dietary Diversity (Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women - MDD-W) and fish consumption practices - Post-harvest processing procedures - Participation in fisheries governance and organizations - Gender attitudes about work and decision-making in fisheries and the household.

The focus group discussion survey instrument covered the following topics: - Diet, foods eaten - Activities in SSF - Gender-based discrimination - Empowerment and voice in decision-making - Changes in gender relations over time - Access to assets through facilities at landing and marketing sites - Female-led organizations - Capacity building received or areas felt to be important.

The key informant interview uses a semi-structured survey instrument that includes: - Profile of the respondent's position and knowledge of gender issues and policy in fisheries - Assessment of local diet and food access issues - Roles in household decision-making around fish-related activities - Access to productive assets in fishing - Access to fisheries extensions services - Post-harvest processing procedures - Women's fisheries organizations - The respondent's personal gender attitudes about work and decision-making in fisheries and the household.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage of coastal areas of high importance to fisheries, including both inland and marine fisheries (where relevant) and both major and minor water bodies. A sample of coastal regions or districts that met these criteria and represented the diversity of fisheries in the country was chosen (non-random sample).

UNIVERSE

Individual/Household level: Women who work in small-scale fishing value chains (harvest, post-harvest processing or trade).

Focus groups: Women who work in small-scale fisheries.

Individuals (with policy-level influence in the small-scale fishing sector): Policy-level actors in the fishing sector. This includes government and non-governmental personnel working in fisheries, environment, or gender and development themes that impact fishing communities.

Producers and sponsors

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FAO Flexible Voluntary Contributions	FVC	Funding Support

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Individual/household level: - Sample size: 300 individuals per country - Selection process: Surveys were conducted as intercept surveys at fish landing sites, markets and within fishing communities. - Stratification: By district and landing site. The target number of surveys per country (300) was divided by the number of landing sites chosen for the study.

Focus groups: - Non-random sample of women chosen opportunistically (based on availability) to participate in a small group, focus group discussions. Typically 2 focus group discussions were held in each district or region where data collection occurred for the larger, baseline assessment of the project. Individuals (with policy-level influence in the small-scale fishing sector):

Survey sampling for key informant interviews was purposive, selecting individuals who were known to be knowledgeable about relevant policy issues impacting fishing communities that were of interest to the project (e.g., nutrition, gender issues, leadership, decision-making). These individuals were identified based on the expert knowledge of the National Project Coordinator with input from the government and influential local leaders. Approximately 10 key informants were surveyed per country, with 1-3 individuals interviewed per district/region.

DEVIATIONS FROM THE SAMPLE DESIGN

At the organizational level, the individual groups selected for the survey were not chosen randomly, instead, they were chosen for interviews based on their availability at the time of data collection and ease of contact.

WEIGHTING

None

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2022-03-28	2022-04-25

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

Face to face interviews and focus group discussions with Computer-Assisted Personal Interview assisted data collection/entry via KoboCollect Humanitarian Response.

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

Individual/Household level: - Questionnaire used: Empowering Women in Small Scale Fisheries for Sustainable Food Systems Individual Questionnaire. - Language: English.

Focus Groups level: - Questionnaire used: Empowering Women in Small Scale Fisheries for Sustainable Food Systems Focus Groups Discussions Questionnaire. - Language: English.

Key Informants Interview: - Questionnaire used: Baseline KII survey - Language: English.

Data Processing

DATA EDITING

Individual/household level: Data editing took place at two stages: 1. Enumerators visually checked surveys entered before finalizing the survey entry. 2. The consultant analyzing the data for internal reports made visual checks of the data and needed corrections

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