

Gender responsive product profile development

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Brings together plant and animal breeders and social scientists to develop a strategy for gender-responsive breeding with supporting methods, tools and practices.

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GBI Products



Working documents:

- 1. Gender and social targeting: segmentingtargeting positioning
- 2. Setting breeding objectives and trait prioritization
- 3. Case studies gender & breeding programs

Briefs:

- 1. <u>Critical decision for gender-responsive</u> breeding
- 2. Uptake Pathways
- 3. Resource mobilization

Prototype tools:

- 1. G+ Customer Profile
- 2. G+ Product Profile

Webinars

YouTube

Linkage GREAT (Gender-responsive Researchers Equipped for Agricultural Transformation) <u>Funding from EiB Platform to validate tools</u>

Gender responsive tools

EiB stage-gate approach opportunity to refine, pilot and scale gender-responsive tools



G+ Customer Profile development tool

What is it?

 Identify and disaggregate by gender and other socio-economic variables the users for a specific breeding product

What does it do?

 Gives a clear picture of a group of potential users, in terms of numbers, location, socioeconomic characteristics and trait preferences

When is it applied?

- To understand customers before definition of the product profile.
- To understand customers before testing and delivery of new material

How is the process structured?



Gender in segmenting: big data

Sex disaggregated data is collected and used to segment the target population

Sex of cassava plot managers using LSMS panel data for **Nigeria** overlaid with extreme poverty.



Female managed cassava plots concentrated in poorer southeast and southwest regions

Source: Orr et al. 2018

Gender in segmenting: qualitative, local studies

100 ** ** 90 **** 80 **** Frequency % 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Home consumption Process and sell Sell fresh Process and sell Home consumption Sell fresh Process and sell Sell fresh Home consumption Southwest Southeast Overall

Household use of cassava

Study on cassava use and trait preferences by men and women in Nigeria:

- High yield, root size, early maturity and dry matter ranked high by men and women across regions.
- Cooking and processing traits significantly more important for women (p< 0.05).
- Fast cooking significantly more important for women (p< 0.05) in South West: strongly engaged in processing and home consumption.

■ Women

Source: Teeken et.al. 2018

Men

G+ Product Profile development tool

What is it?

Inspect the gender dimension of traits

What does it do?

 Assigns concrete weights to gender-related constraints and trait preferences to use in trait prioritization

When is it applied?

 Before finalizing the product profile, when prioritizing the product or package of traits

How is the process structured?

PART 1. Gender gap questions

PART 2. Negative trait preferences Increased drudgery
Displacement of women
Control over inputs
Control over products and by products

How women value traitsContrasting valuation by men

Do no harm

PART 3.

Gender Benefit questions **PART 4.**

Positive trait preferences

Reduced drudgery
Employment / own income
Control over products and by products

How women value traitsContrasting valuation of traits

Positive Benefits



Enhancing our gender lens

- Would the G+ tools be useful?
 - What is missing
- How can current work inform and link with G+ tools?

THANK YOU