

The Gender Poverty and Employment Project for Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

The project was implemented between March 2005 and March 2006 and was an ILO response to the AU Summit that took place in Ouagadougou in September 2004. The project aimed at contributing to the national Poverty Reduction Strategies related to agriculture and rural development, by promoting an operational and inclusive gender sensitive decent work dimension in their implementation and monitoring.

Project Achievements

In Kenya and Uganda, activities implemented ensured that ILO Social Partners and Ministries of Labour actively and substantively promoted gender equality through their participation in the awareness raising, identification and validation of key gender, poverty and employment issues in agriculture and rural development in relation to poverty reduction strategies at the national level in Kenya, and Uganda. The following publications each 2000 copies were produced and disseminated:

Kenya: A Report on Key Gender and Poverty issues in agriculture as aspects of Poverty Reduction: A Kenya Study Report, 2005

Uganda: Key Gender, poverty and employment dimensions of agriculture and rural development: A case Study of Bushenyi and Mpigi Districts, 2006

The above researched and analysed policy information on key gender issues in rural development and agriculture were advocated into annual PRSs reviews and budgets between 2005 and 2006. The PRSs referred in here is the Economic Recovery Strategy (ERS) and Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP) of Kenya and Uganda respectively.

In Tanzania the following was achieved:

- 1,100 copies of a training manual publication promoting decent work through gender responsive Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS) in the informal and rural economy in Tanzania has been produced in 2006.
- 3000 printed copies of a popular version of the gender dimensions of the new Tanzania employment and labour laws of 2004 were produced and circulated widely to ILO constituents and civil society organizations in Tanzania.
- Supported the on-going process of costing the labour sector issues of the 2nd PRS (2006-2010) from a gender equality dimensions. Results are yet to be out.

Beneficiaries

Capacity building in mainstreaming gender, poverty and decent work of Ministries of Labour; Workers' Organisations; Employers' Organisations as well as Ministries responsible for Gender, Local Authorities; East African Community Secretariat and Parliament.

Strengthening analysis and advocacy on gender and poverty: Poverty Reduction Strategy stakeholders (via responsible Secretariats) including selected civil society organisations

The Budget

The total budget for implementing project activities was US\$ 210,001. The allocation for Kenya and Uganda was US\$ 42,763 and US\$ 50,912 respectively, and while Tanzania was US\$99,304. An increase of funds to Tanzania is due to additional activities in particular the activity at the EAC level and the follow-up of implementation by the national expert at the ILO Office in Dar es Salaam.