

Gender related issues in Novy and Dzhanibek, Russia

Impact of land degradation on inhabitants with and without changes in land management.

Numbers

Around 50 men and women are involved in the particular land/uses being examined in the study site.

5 women headed households are in the area or are involved in the particular land uses being examined in the study site area.

Roles, tasks

There are several kinds of stakeholders working on the land: collective farms (hundreds hectares), individual farmers (from several hectares) and owners of subsidiary plots (from five hundred square meters to several hectares).

Subsidiary plots playing a pivotal role in the daily life of the inhabitants. Production from these plots are supplying families with fruits and vegetables and gives additional income (selling of products at the local market) to them. The work at these lots is divided partly to women and men. Men are doing heavy types of works as plough and tillage, women are doing sowing, irrigating, weeding, harvesting, trading products. By implementing drip irrigation, we are not only implementing the water saving technique, but also saving time and efforts of people, making their life easier

In collective farm and individual farms men involved in most types of the work in the field. Women mainly taking care of livestock at the farm, doing technical or administrative work (book keeping, agronomists etc).

Access

Considering land users (farmers): both woman and man has equal access to credit, to agricultural advisory systems and to stakeholders meetings: 1st Desire workshop Djanybek 19 men, 6 women and in Saratov 16 men and 4 women, 2nd workshop Djanybek 11 men, 6 women and Saratov 22 men, 2 women.

Dzhanibek study site affected by climate change. Amount of water, available for the irrigation purposes, is decreasing. In drought time water transported by barrels to villages. A lot of people leave their subsidiary plots due to losses of the yield in the drought time. Drip irrigation gives people possibility to grow vegetables and fruits and diversify their table.

During workshops in the frame of the DESIRE projects we successfully involved stakeholders of both genders. Several women participated in meetings are working with us. They involved in the monitoring activities and implementation of the drip irrigation on their subsidiary plots.



A Global initiative

The project strategy is also to improve the gender neutral approach in environmental research.



Drip irrigation

The saving water strategy is to implement drip irrigation. This will allow also to save time on irrigation (which will give to women more time for the housework, communication with children and rest), as well as made women labor easier (no need to carry big barrels of water, which will go for the infiltration and evaporation).

Park near Elton lake

Lake Elton is a salt lake in Volgograd Region of Russia, near the border with Kazakhstan. Area of the lake is 182 km². It's very shallow lake (0.3 to 1.5 m deep). The lake is famous because of the curative mud, which contains biologically active matter, enzymes, vitamins etc. A lot of people come to this lake and to the Elton village for the rest and treatment.

Head of administration of the Elton, Misurina Lidiya Aleksandrovna, had a several try to make a park at the territory of the community. This park can be attractive place for the tourist and community. However, several tries failed due to absence of the sufficient amount of water for the irrigation in drought time. Young plants have been lost. After talk with Lidiya Aleksandrovna DESIRE team took a decision to take a part in this nice project and to make selection of trees suitable for the climatic conditions and to put a drip irrigation for this small park, but nice dream of community.



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