



## GENDER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND NUTRITION INTEGRATION INITIATIVE (GCAN) NEWSLETTER | September 2020

### New GCAN Research: Responding to Covid-19

#### Phone surveys to understand the impact of Covid-19 on poor rural women expanded to also cover Kenya, Niger and Uganda

To better understand the impact of Covid-19 on poor rural women, the GCAN project has been implementing phone surveys in four Feed-the-Future focus countries: Ghana, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal. The survey focuses on monitoring selected key impacts, such as mobility, income and employment, food and water insecurity, dietary diversity, migration/remittances, time use and conflict. The survey has now been expanded to also cover three additional Feed-the-Future countries: Kenya, Niger and Uganda. Data are directly made available to the USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security and USAID missions as well as key national government stakeholders to support them in their programming. Data will also be shared through slide decks and fact sheets and a research paper on the impact of COVID-19 on rural women will be developed. Moreover, in Kenya we will assess the impact of Women's Empowerment on coping with Covid-19 impacts.

### Upcoming Webinar--Senegal Sep 3, 11 am EST (in French)

#### COVID-19 and women's daily life: State of play in Senegal

Government reactions to COVID-19 included the closure of borders, markets and shops, the ban on interurban travel and gatherings. These measures have had the effect of slowing down activities throughout the country, and also affect the daily life of individuals. This seminar presents the results of three studies on how COVID-19 has affected the daily lives of women especially in the areas of health, nutrition, and food security.

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### New GCAN working paper

#### Agriculture and Youth in Nigeria: Aspirations, Challenges, Constraints, and Resilience

Nigeria's rural youth are facing various challenges in agriculture, with limited job opportunities outside the sector. Applying the [GCAN framework](#) to illustrate the factors that shape resilience pathways in the context of climate change and other shocks and stressors and using qualitative focus group discussions and individual interviews with youth in four communities in two Nigerian states, the paper reflects on nuanced differences in perceptions of opportunities,

coping mechanisms and overall resilience of youth in rural Nigeria, as well as differential access to information, inputs and irrigation based on age, gender and community.

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## Recent GCAN blogs

### COVID-19 & Gender: Potential Pathways of Impact and Research Challenges

This [AGRILINKS](#) blog uses the [GCAN framework](#) to illustrate the differential shocks and stressors rural women and men face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also describes challenges of reaching rural women, during pandemics, such as COVID-19, that include lockdowns and other mobility constraints. While these challenges may bias who will be reached, phone surveys still convey important lessons on the gendered impacts of COVID-19 that can be used to strengthen policy responses that support both men and women in rural settings.

[Read the blog>](#)

### COVID-19 Challenges to Equity: Insights from Rural Nepal and Senegal

This [AGRILINKS](#) blog describes the round one USAID GCAN phone survey results for Nepal and Senegal. The findings highlight the differential impact of the pandemic on men and women farmers, and female-headed households, and draws attention to the need for rapid support to address short-term impacts related to food and water insecurity, but also longer-term needs to address the growing debt that women and female-headed households accumulate, as well as the need for interventions that reduce their time burden.

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