



SUMMARY:

# THE GENDER IN AGRICULTURE FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE TOOLKIT

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Between 2013 and 2016, Lutheran World Relief in collaboration with ASONOG<sup>1</sup> and LWF<sup>2</sup> implemented the Gender in Agriculture from Policy to Practice (GAPP) project in western Honduras. Funded by USAID, the project piloted a new methodology that integrates a women's leadership approach with masculinity approaches to advocate for policies that increase women's access to resources for agricultural production. More background on the GAPP methodology and results can be found at [genderinagriculture.org](http://genderinagriculture.org).

This **GAPP toolkit** describes the context, the actors, the main activities, and the successes and challenges encountered over the course of the project. It brings together the collective learnings about this new approach gathered from the GAPP partners with the hope that it provides useful information for practitioners interested in replicating a similar process in other places.

<sup>1</sup> Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales

<sup>2</sup> Lutheran World Federation

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## HOW TO USE THIS TOOLKIT

The objective of the toolkit is to provide practitioners with a roadmap for how to design and implement policy projects to improve women's access to agricultural resources. The toolkit is made up of five (5) chapters that describe the approach and each of its components. While each of the chapters can be read separately, the uniqueness of the GAPP approach comes from the sum of its parts.

## WHO SHOULD USE THIS TOOLKIT

In order to reduce key gender gaps related to women's lack of access to productive resources, the GAPP project aimed to improve food security and nutrition through advocacy techniques that drive institutional and policy changes. Few projects combine agriculture, gender and advocacy in this way. **The toolkit was therefore written to provide agricultural, gender, and policy advocacy practitioners** with ideas for how to break through our all-too compartmentalized work environment.

## WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN THIS TOOLKIT

The approach used in GAPP was designed in response to the specific context in western Honduras where the project was implemented. It was rooted in the local legal and political frameworks and took advantage of the existing institutional structures and emerging political opportunities to advance its agenda.

The toolkit provides an overview of the project components that can be adapted and implemented in other contexts. It contains reflections about what worked well and what did not in order to guide others in making decisions about different design and interventions elements. These reflections originate from the partners involved in GAPP and in some cases are drawn from the external evaluation of GAPP.

The toolkit also describes the GAPP approach and provides you with information and tools that can serve as a resource for embarking on a similar process elsewhere. These include workshop and training materials, reports and needs assessments, templates, and other project outputs. These materials are provided at [genderinagriculture.org/tools](https://genderinagriculture.org/tools), in their original language, Spanish.

## HOW THE TOOLKIT IS ORGANIZED

Chapter 1 of the toolkit describes the approach applied in the GAPP project. The next four (4) core chapters of the toolkit each detail a specific component of the GAPP approach:

- Developing a locally driven gender-equality agenda,
- Strengthening women's leadership,
- Engaging men, and
- Advocacy and policy development.

For their respective component, each core chapter

- states the component's **purpose and rationale** for its inclusion in the GAPP approach,
- describes different **activities** to be undertaken with examples of how GAPP implemented activities,
- references **resource materials**,
- suggests guidance for **adapting to other contexts**, and
- provides **lessons learned**, recommendations, and reflections.

The full toolkit and associated tools and resources can be found free of charge at [genderinagriculture.org](https://genderinagriculture.org).

