Gender commitments move into plans and focal-point roles across research systems

Gender and youth mainstreaming in agricultural research

Scope • Regional CORAF and national agricultural research systems
Partners • CORAF, national research systems, gender working group and ROCAFFS

The starting situation

Agricultural research institutions had made commitments to gender inclusion, but turning those commitments into responsibilities, budgets and routine organisational practice remained a challenge.

How partners contributed

Under a continental gender strategy and action plan, the programme revised its results framework to include gender and youth targets. CORAF supported gender-mainstreaming training and national planning. Resource-mobilisation training was provided to national agricultural research system focal points, while the gender working group and ROCAFFS helped keep women's and young people's inclusion visible in research and seed-entrepreneurship discussions.

What changed

The respondent account reports that 21 national agricultural research systems were reached through training, focal points were designated, draft gender action plans were prepared and the results framework was revised. These steps indicate movement from awareness-raising toward organisational responsibilities. The account also reports a gender action plan for CCARDESA, without describing its implementation progress.

Evidence and source

The CAADP-XP4 draft and country case studies reports documents the success story.

Source record • SS8 Infographics

Sustainability and lessons

The next step is to approve and cost draft plans, assign implementation responsibilities and track participation, decision-making roles and budget execution—not appointments alone. The case supports a contribution to tools, roles and networks, while sustained empowerment, leadership gains and routine financing remain to be demonstrated.