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Growing Cities, Hungry Mouths and Women Farmers – Why Participation Counts

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Trends



- Increasing population



- Changing social patterns



- Changing economic patterns



- Diminishing renewable water resources

Women in Agriculture

- Women are 43 percent of Asian farmers on average
- Growing participation of women



- Limited recognition
- Multiple challenges

Feeding Hungry Mouths

- **20 to 30 %** more production when women farmers reach their full potential
 - **2.5–4 %** growth in agricultural output in developing countries
 - Potential reduction of **100 to 150 million** hungry people globally



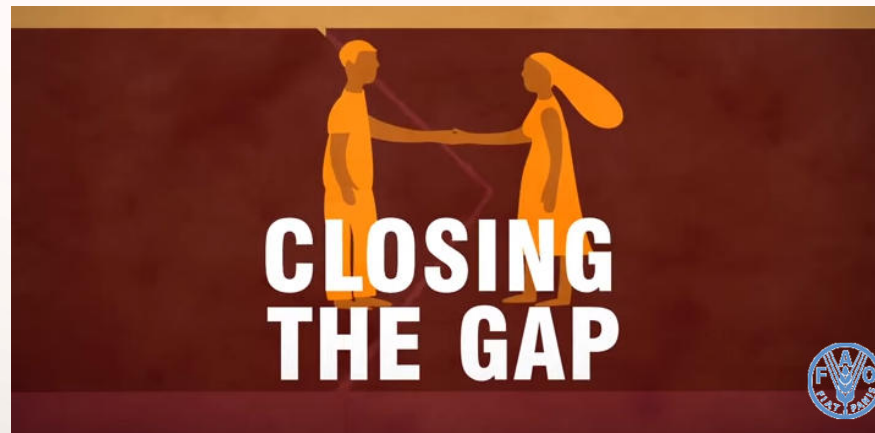
Solutions

- Providing access to Water Users Associations



More Can Be Achieved

- (i) Secure land and water rights for women
- (ii) Capacity development of women
- (iii) Awareness raising of relevant stakeholders
- (iv) Sex-disaggregated data
- (v) Women's leadership in institutions





**Gender equity
we can do more**