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

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## **Session 4: Promoting Good Governance in Irrigation**

# 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



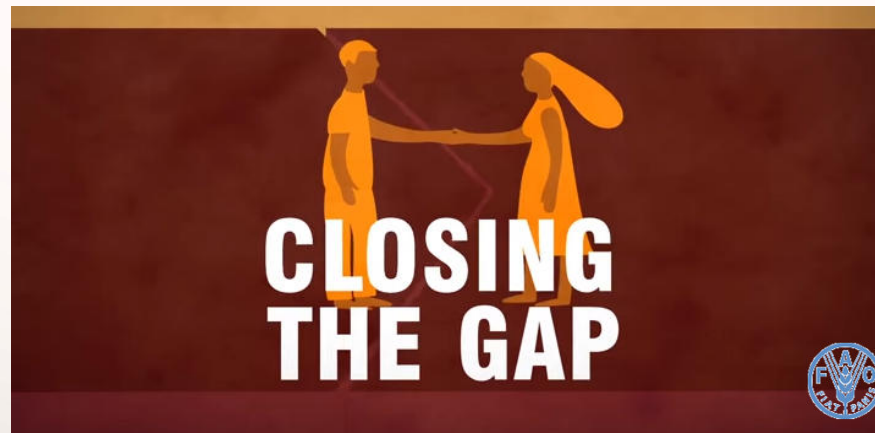
# Solutions

- 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**