

Rural Women Participation in Sustainable Agriculture in Iran

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Nearly ۲۳ percent of the Iranian population either directly or indirectly depend on agriculture. Most of the women perform a multiple of duties to ensure the family's livelihood.. A large number of Iranian rural women take part actively in agriculture. These rural women who work in the farm participate in work ranging from farm activities by slogging alongside men in the field as well as taking care of the home

and children, thereby performing a dual role i.e. that of a homemaker and of a partner in the farming activities outside the home. With regard to the multiple roles of women involved in agriculture, the present paper is an attempt to explore the significant roles of such women in home and farm, considering certain specific objectives:

- a) To assess the importance of agriculture and the role of women in agriculture;
- b) To identify the participation of women in the domestic sphere;
- c) To study the limited access of women to resources
- d) To study the problems that rural women face in the area of sustainable agriculture

The paper aims to throw light on the condition of rural women in sustainable agriculture and finding ways of activating their participation.

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