

# ADVANCING WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The Feed the Future Advancing Women's Empowerment (AWE) Program is a 5-year activity led by EnCompass LLC to enhance women's empowerment and gender equality in agricultural systems and programming. To achieve this, AWE provides targeted technical assistance to missions, implementing partners, the Bureau for Food Security, and other USAID offices to increase women's participation, productivity, profit, and benefit in agricultural systems.

#### STRATEGIC GOALS

- Enhance Feed the Future agricultural programming to engage more women and improve women's returns to agriculture
- Improve women's empowerment in the domains of the Feed the Future Gender Integration Framework (GIF)

#### **TARGET AUDIENCES**

- USAID mission staff
- USAID Implementing partners aiming to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in agriculture systems

### **LEARNING & IMPACT**

To enhance agricultural programming, AWE provides:

- Gender equality and women's empowerment design and learning services for USAID missions
- Support to Feed the Future partners to implement activities that are gender-sensitive and empower women
- Capture, translation, and dissemination of evidence of practices promoting improved agriculture outcomes and empowerment for women and girls

The AWE Program promotes a **cycle of learning** by capturing technical best practices, generating practical resources for gender equality and women's empowerment, building the capacity of practitioners, and widely sharing information and resources.





## WHAT CAN AWE DO FOR YOU?

- Support mission staff with training in gender equality and women's empowerment in agriculture
- Conduct gender and agriculture assessments and analysis, including gender-sensitive Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting assessments
- Provide gender technical assistance to implementing partners in activity design and implementation, including application of the Women's Empowerment Agricultural Index and the Gender Integration Framework
- Provide short-term gender technical assistance to meet a wide range of design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and learning needs
- Facilitate workshops on unintended consequences to promote learning from USAID investments
- Initiate in-person and online learning opportunities to disseminate tools, resources, and best practices

### WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR AWE

- Share good practices in gender equality and women's empowerment in agriculture with the AWE team
- Participate in learning events
- Let others know AWE is a resource for USAID agricultural programming

## **FACTS & FIGURES**

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Period of Performance: August 23, 2018 August 22, 2023
- Ceiling: \$15,000,000
- Contracting Officer's Representative: Krista Jacobs, kjacobs@usaid.gov
- Prime Contractor: EnCompass LLC
- Partners: ACDI/VOCA, MarketShare Associates, FHI 360, WEConnect International, the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs, and the University of Zamorano

### PROGRAM POINTS OF CONTACT

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