GAF 101 – Introduction to Gender Analysis in Aquaculture and Fisheries Research

Case Study Exercise

Gleaning of shells, seaweed and invertebrates is an important economic activity for women in Country X, but their earnings remain low, and opportunities for occupational mobility are limited. The government provides little support for the fisheries sector, and the Fisheries Department does not recognize gleaning as an important part of the fisheries sector. In addition, a recently established Marine Protected Area now restricts the areas where women can glean. Poverty among women is widespread.

Instructions:

1. Using a *Gender Roles* framework, what questions would you ask and what types of information would you need to understand the causes of problem and possible solutions?

2. Using a *Gender Relations/MF* framework, what questions would you ask and what types of information would you need to understand the causes of the problem and possible solutions?

3. How would each framework define the problem? What type of knowledge would research conducted in each framework generate? What types of solutions would each framework propose?

4. Compare and contrast the strengths and weaknesses of each approach for achieving gender equity.

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