



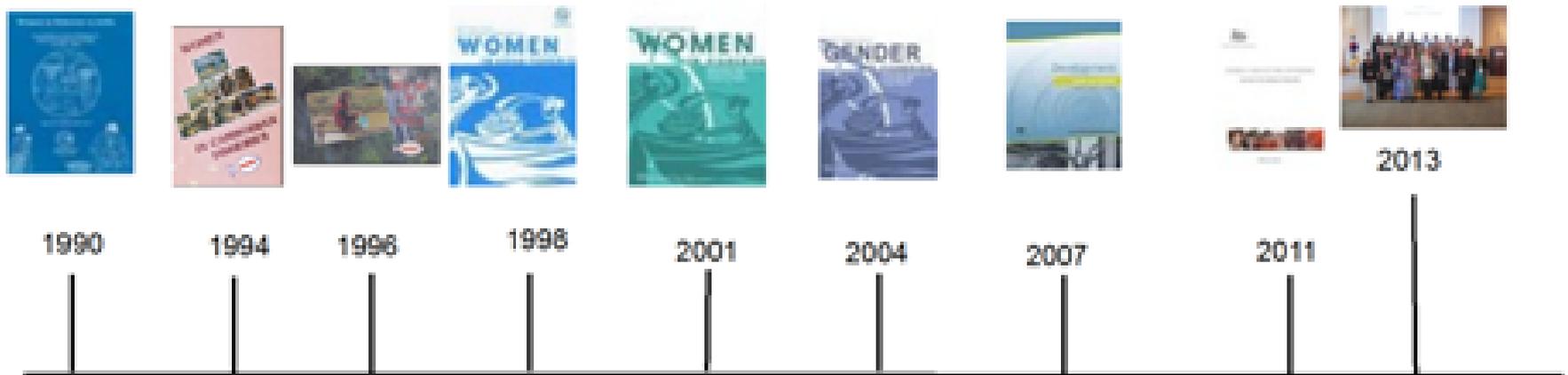
Getting Gender on the Aquaculture and Fisheries Development Agenda in Asia-Pacific: 20 Years of Asian Fisheries Society Experience.



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Women/Gender and Fisheries Symposia

Timeline AFS Women/Gender and Fisheries Symposium



GAF 4
Yeosu, Korea

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- 28 oral papers and 1 poster,
- 4 mini-workshops
- Presentations covering 16 countries

GAF 4, Yeosu, Korea



- **SESSION 1: Gendered Change**
- **SESSION 2: Gender Assets, Spaces and Roles**
- **SESSION 3: Meeting Future Needs**
- **SESSION 4: Status and Contributions of Women to Aquaculture and Fisheries** (Session in Honor of DR M.C. NANDEESHA)

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And also...4 MINI WORKSHOPS

- NORAD-NACA Workshop on Mainstreaming gender in NACA
- ASEM Aquaculture platform focus group discussion on future research needs.
- Gender Research Methods Roundtable
- Women, Gender Networks and Associations for Aquaculture and Fisheries

GAF Resources



- All material of the Symposia available [online](#):
- Webpage: <http://genderaquafish.org/>
-  AFS-Gender-in-Aquaculture-and-Fisheries
-  @genderaquafish

20+ years of AFS GAF networking activities

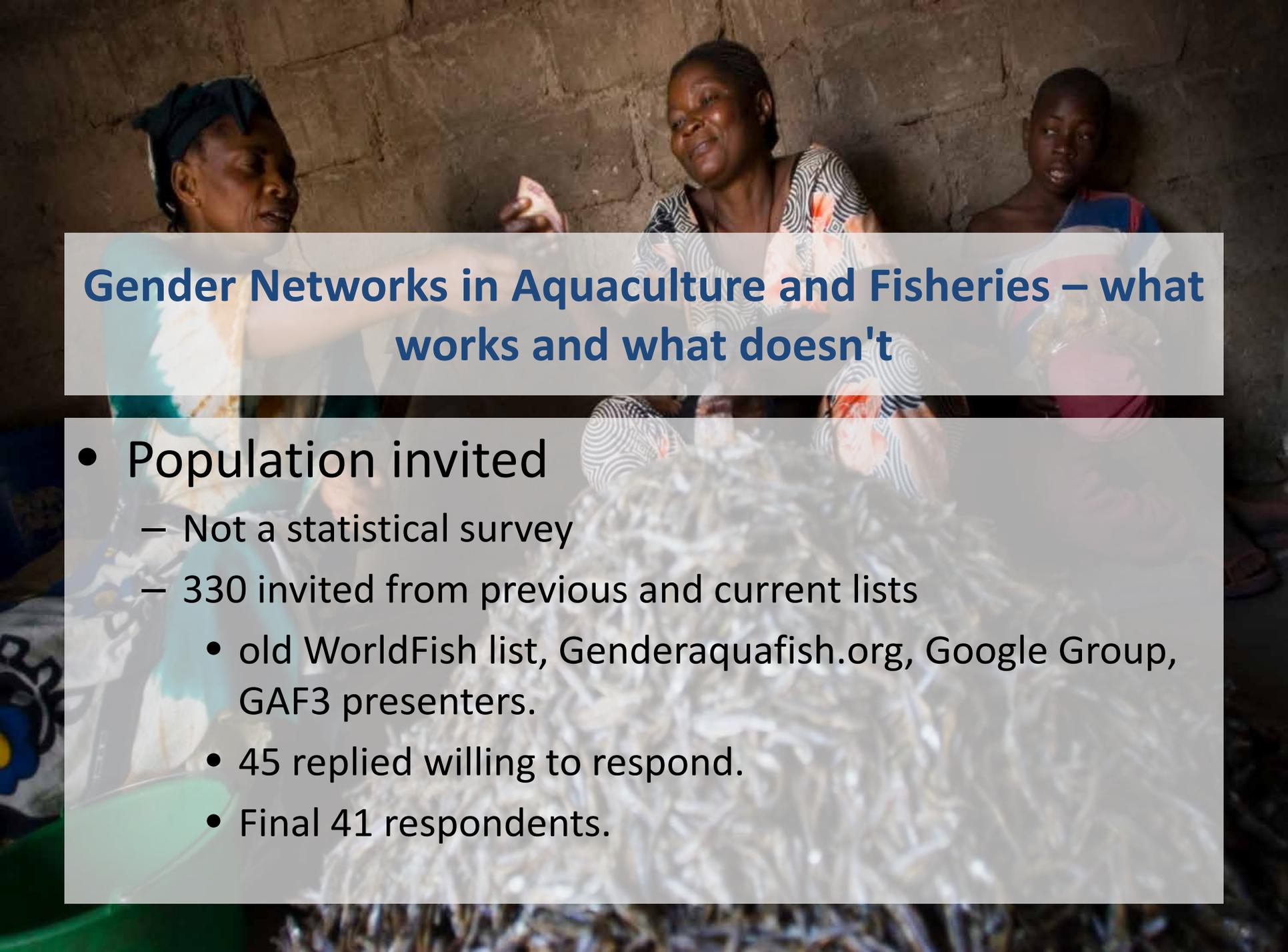


- Patchwork of resources
- Informal organization
- WIF/GAF position in AFAF
 - Regular symposia/events
 - Not on the main program by choice
 - Opportunistic funds, content, products

Assessing AFS - GAF Network



- Survey to assess what works, what doesn't, opportunities taken and lost, and future aims.
- Online survey
 - Name, demographics, experience in GAF events
 - Open-ended questions using the Actor Network Theory (Problematization, Intersement, Enrolment, Mobilisation)

A photograph of three women in a room with mud walls. The woman on the left is wearing a blue headscarf and a white patterned top. The woman in the middle is wearing a black and white patterned top. The woman on the right is holding a baby wrapped in a pink and white blanket. The background is a textured, brown mud wall.

Gender Networks in Aquaculture and Fisheries – what works and what doesn't

- Population invited
 - Not a statistical survey
 - 330 invited from previous and current lists
 - old WorldFish list, Genderaquafish.org, Google Group, GAF3 presenters.
 - 45 replied willing to respond.
 - Final 41 respondents.

Main issues identified

- Gender is only “by-catch” in fisheries
 - Apathy, ignorance, even antagonism to GAF
 - Gender bias and ignorance is fatal to women’s prospects
 - Humanize the fisheries curriculum
 - Value addition of women unrecognized



Main issues identified

- **We do not have the facts**
 - Need for disaggregated stats, illuminating knowledge
 - From fish to supply change approach is a big change
- **Gender is only weakly institutionalized**
 - GAF is only night job vs main (day) job
 - GAF cut first if funds reduced, e.g., MRC.
 - Network has weak capacity to initiate



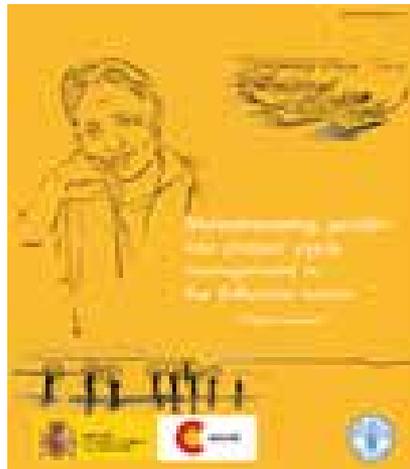
A group of women wearing colorful headscarves (black, maroon, blue, and yellow) are standing outdoors. In the background, there is a large, bare tree with many thin, leafless branches against a clear blue sky. The women are looking in various directions, some towards the camera and others away. The overall scene suggests a rural or semi-rural setting, possibly during a dry season or in a region with sparse vegetation.

**Where to go
from here?**

- Need to secure sustained support/funding.
- Consider a dedicated institution/organization.
- Develop 101 GAF Training materials.
- Expanding and improving the network.
- Better networking alliances for impact.
- Need of champions and leaders

- Learn from other Networks
- Define clear objectives/goals of the Network
- Approach funding organizations

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- Researchers need to get together with the grassroots reps/people
- Mixed organizations (ex. Small scale fisheries organizations) or independent (women's groups only?)

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- Find synergies (and possible opposition) between fisheries/aquaculture network gender/women's initiatives and conservation group.

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