Story-telling with PhotoVoice: women fisherfolk in Barbados, a gendered lens

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Developed out of initial consultation between GIFT members and the president of an all female, female-led postharvest association (CFPA) to frame gender research to assist the association in seeking solutions to its problems.

Priority: Research to improve the livelihoods and well-being of women in the Barbados flyingfish fishery.
Research objectives

- Document the livelihoods of women in the Barbados fishing industry
- Discover the successes, challenges and gaps in livelihoods of women fisherfolk
- Examine these gaps and provide recommendations for improved and enhanced quality of life

Criteria for selection

- Willingness to participate
- Any woman engaged in the Barbados fishing industry

Case study research

- PhotoVoice with a twist!
- Ladies decided what they wanted to depict of their lives and Debra’s research assistant took the appropriate photographs
Initial images: “pictures do paint a thousand words”