

# Integrating SDG 5 into Urban Food Security Discourse



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## Presentation Goals

1. Examine a series of cause and effect relationships between gender inequality and food insecurity in urban areas in the Global South
2. Illustrate the potential for transformative change when SDG 5 is integrated into thinking about urban food security at the local scale



## Gender Equality: SDG 5 Targets (1)

- 1. End all forms of discrimination** against all women and girls everywhere
- 2. Eliminate all forms of violence** against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation
- 3. Eliminate all harmful practices,** child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
- 4. Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work** through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate



## Gender Equality: SDG 5 Targets (2)

5. **Ensure full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership** for women at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life
6. **Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights**
7. **Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources** as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws
8. **Enhance the use of enabling technology**, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women
9. **Adopt & strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation** for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.



# Cause & Effect Relationship

## Gender Inequality & Urban Food Security

### Gender Inequality

- Division of labour (household)
- Quality of employment
- Gender-based violence
- Women's empowerment



### Food Security Impacts

- Food access compromised
- Employment & social security income
- Affect continuing education
- Health services



# Gender Equality & Food Security: Short & Medium Term Goals

## Scaling up exiting programs

- Cash transfers
- Public works
- Asset transfers
- School feeding
- School feeding
- Social protection and empowerment
- Health services for children & pregnant and lactating women
- Access to water & community public works programmes
- Urban and rural women
- Inclusive Research – beyond statistics; unit of analysis



# Mainstreaming Gender Equality

- Change in harmful Ideology & practices about men & women's roles
- Decades of gender equality & social transformation analyses, planning, implementation, monitoring as resource
- Gender equality, food security & food systems - see the same things differently not see different things - SDG 5 targets



## SDG 5 & Food System Transformation: Long-term, Sustainable Changes

1. Integrate gender expertise in food system planning institution
2. Horizontal and vertical policy integration - food security and gender equality
3. Full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership
4. Equal rights to economic resources – ownership and/or control of land & property, financial services, inheritance
5. Enabling technology (ICTs) employed to advance empowerment of women & food security
6. Address public and private sphere discrimination



Thank You!

