



# Short course on Gender, agriculture & rural development

December 4-8, 2016, BAU Campus, Mymensingh, Bangladesh

## Why a course on Gender, Agriculture and Rural Development?

1.3 billion global citizens live in poverty, women and children are most likely to become a victim of severe poverty. These women know the many faces of their struggle: working 18-hour a day (on the land, in the factory, at home); the high risk of maternal death and child marriage; stretching of dollar-a-day incomes to feed and clothe their families; constant discrimination and lack of recognition for their work and experiences.

Bangladesh is a rapidly developing economy. It is increasingly recognized that without addressing women's concerns (alongside men's concerns), any development will not be meaningful nor will it be sustainable.

However, experts from the grassroots to the national level, working in the field of poverty reduction, rural or agri-business development, face challenges on how to deal with gender in their daily work.

Therefore, ICF, BAU and Wageningen University & Research have co-developed an interdisciplinary and practical training on Gender, Agriculture and Rural Development.



## Target groups:

This training is targeted at mid-career professionals involved in agricultural/rural development projects and programs in Bangladesh. In particular, the following groups are encouraged to apply:

- Professionals working at a local, national or international NGO
- Practitioners and managers of Community Based Organizations
- Academic researchers and University staff with a background in the field of rural development, agri-business and manufacturing, extension, agriculture, livestock, aquaculture
- Policy makers
- Human right activists
- Private companies working in agri-business

Applicants must hold at least a BSc degree or higher and have relevant work experience.

## Course objectives:

- Strengthen your understanding of the background, history and key concepts of gender and rural development in Bangladesh
- Get hands-on practical advice on how to recognize and analyze gender issues in your daily job
- Exercise with practical tools for gender mainstreaming in your organization
- Experience success stories, failures and strategies of experts in the field

## Course contents

- Gender and Development Concepts including sex and gender roles
- Gender roles in the developing nation of Bangladesh
- Gender, agriculture and climate change
- Harvard Analytical Framework and Social Relationship Framework
- Power structures in local communities and women empowerment
- Field visit to experience successful examples of women empowerment (CBOs)
- Effective strategies to overcome gender inequality in rural areas
- How to make my organization more gender sensitive? Strategies, successes and failures
- Gender mainstreaming in project planning, design, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation
- Strategic action planning

You will leave this 5 days course with a tangible action plan that helps you to make your own organization more gender sensitive and/or support you and your colleagues to take gender into account in your and their daily job.

## Course methods

The course consists of highly participatory training methods including case studies, field visit, exercises to apply tools and skills, and plenary lectures.

The training approach is interactive, experience- as well as evidence-based. Transfer of knowledge will go hand-in-hand with working in small groups on case studies.

The course will be co-facilitated by Bangladesh Agricultural University and Wageningen University & Research.

### For further information, please contact:

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## More information

Dates:	Sunday December 4 - Thursday December 8
Duration:	5 days
Time:	9 AM – 5.30 PM
Venue:	ICF conference hall, BAU campus Mymensingh, Bangladesh
Accommodation:	Available at or around BAU campus. Payment of accommodation is the own responsibility of participant. The course coordinator will help to link with appropriate accommodation.
Course fee:	15000 BDT (For the 2016 we offer the course with 20% discount).
Includes:	5 days course Course materials Tailor made advice on how to apply lessons learned in practice Working lunch and refreshments
Not included:	Transport to and from venue Accommodation Dinner Breakfast

## How to apply

Applicants must register for this course. The registration form and payment details can be found (<http://icf-bau.com/gender-agriculture-rural-development/>). For any queries please contact the course coordinator. Please note that your acceptance can only be confirmed after full payment of the course fee.

Participants will be granted a Certificate of attendance.

Deadline for registration:  
November 21, 2016.



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