The Gender and Breeding Initiative

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Background

• For plant and animal breeders to meet user needs: understand priorities that women and men assign to genetically determined traits.

• Well targeted variety profiles may lead to greater adoption of improved varieties and greater impact.

• Overlooking traits important to women can aggravate household food insecurity and poverty.
Goals

- **Develop a strategy** for gender-responsive breeding with practical approaches and tools.
- Working with plant and animal breeders and social scientists: CGIAR centers, Research Programs and partners.
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- **Coordination:**

- **Linking with:**
Innovation Workshop on Gender-Responsive Breeding

- 5 – 7 October 2017, Nairobi, Kenya
- Brings together a group of social scientists, and plant and animal breeders.
- Build on the findings of earlier workshop on Gender, Breeding and Genomics held in 2016.
- Gender design principles and glossary ensure coherence
Innovation Workshop

• **Three input papers:**
  1. Gender and social targeting.
  2. Setting breeding objectives and trait prioritization.
  3. Case studies of gender-responsive breeding programs.

• **Outputs:**
  1. Key design principles for a gender-responsive breeding program.
  2. Participant feedback captured to finalize input papers
  3. Uptake pathway for GBI outputs.
  4. Funding strategy for Gender and Breeding Initiative.