

# Leveraging unlikely collaborators for gender equity in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America: The clean energy, food systems, and unpaid care work nexus

## WHY IS THIS RESEARCH IMPORTANT?

- ❖ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls on multistakeholder partnerships to address complex challenges
- ❖ Increasing role of private sector actors in energy and agriculture development initiatives
- ❖ Key role of local and regional women's rights organizations undervalued
- ❖ Problems with mainstream gender approach in energy agriculture & development initiatives
- ❖ Role of gendered social norms often ignored in development initiatives
- ❖ Disempowering narrative of women in the context of global development
- ❖ Ineffective development programs reinforcing the feminization of poverty
- ❖ SDGs often addressed in a siloes rather than an interconnected manner



## KNOWLEDGE GAP

**Little empirical evidence and case studies** on cross-sectoral collaboration between local or regional women's rights organizations and private sector actors that have effectively attempted to challenge structural barriers in the context of food systems and energy transition

**Scarcity of data** on the conditions to which cross-sector collaborations "succeed" in identifying and challenging the root causes or gender inequality

**Validated gap in literature review**, and discussions with practitioners, researchers, and colleagues



## DID YOU KNOW.....

**135.6 years** are needed to close the **global gender gap**, which has increased by a generation since the latest pandemic (Global Gender Gap Report 2021, World Economic Forum)

**300 years** is how long it may take to achieve full gender equality at the current rate of progress (Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): The Gender Snapshot 2022)

**2.7 billion** women are **legally restricted** from having the same choice of jobs as men

**3 billion** women live in **countries rated as 'poor' or 'very poor' on gender equality** (2022 SDG Gender Index, Equal Measures 2030, 2022)

**47 million** additional women are predicted to **fall into extreme poverty** because of the economic fallout of COVID (UN Women, 2020)

**75 %** of the world's **total unpaid work is done by women**, which continues to **subsidize the economy** (ILO, 2018)

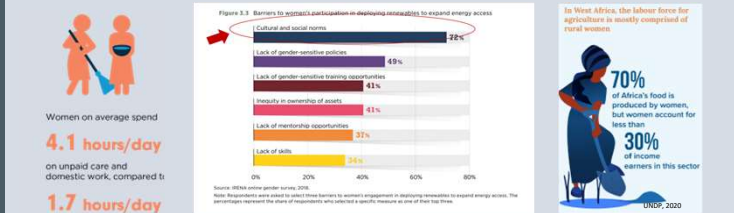
**43%** of women contribute to the **global agricultural workforce**, up to 60% in Africa, with increasing roles to play in different facets of agriculture and food systems (FAO, 2016)

**770 million** people with **limited or no access to electricity**, most of them in rural areas in low and middle-income countries (IEA, 2021)

**2.5 billion** people **lacking access** to clean fuels for cooking, lighting and heating (IEA, 2021).

**\$95 billion** estimated to be **lost from economies in sub-Saharan Africa** each year **because women have lower participation** in the paid labour force (Source: UNDP, 2016)

**29 million** jobs expected to be created in renewables by 2050 in the context of the ongoing global energy transition, offering the chance to create new jobs and **reshape all aspects of how energy is produced and distributed** (IRENA, 2019)



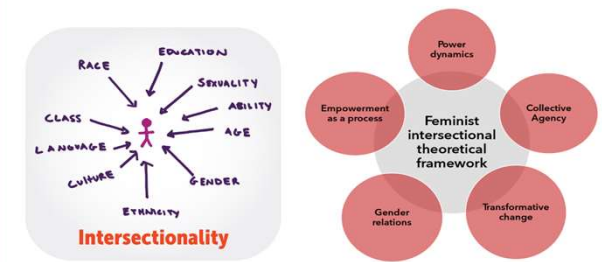
## POTENTIAL IMPACT OF RESEARCH

THEORY	ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPLICIT & IMPLICIT INTEREST IN RESEARCH	PRACTICE
<p>Expected to produce knowledge of relevance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>feminist, gender and development scholarship</li> <li>global studies literature</li> <li>business ethics</li> <li>corporate social responsibility</li> <li>sustainable development</li> </ul> <p>I also hope to add to the nascent body of knowledge favouring decolonization approaches to international "development"</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publication in open access journal (e.g., Development and Practice).</li> <li>Research findings webinars with participants and global gender experts.</li> <li>Research briefs for non-academic business audience engaged in development in the global South (e.g., Business Fights Poverty).</li> <li>Blogs and webinars with partners listed to the left, to influence uptake of transformative, guiding principles for effective collaboration, meaningful inclusion of local women's groups for effective results</li> </ul>

## RESEARCH QUESTION

What can novel cross-sector partnerships between diverse groups of actors in global development teach us about ways to address structural barriers to gender equity towards transformative change?

## THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK



## MULTI-CASE STUDY METHODOLOGY

MIXED METHOD EXPLORATORY SEQUENTIAL DESIGN

<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Qualitative data collection and analysis</b> PART 1 - online scoping SS interviews PART 2 - case study research
<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Quantitative data collection and analysis (SPSS)</b>
<b>Phase 3</b>	<b>Linking qualitative and quantitative data</b>

## NON PROBABILISTIC SAMPLING STRATEGY

Criterion-based sampling with specific attributes

<b>Part 1 (ONLINE COPING SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS)</b>	<b>Maximum variation (+ snowball)</b> Gender scholars and practitioners with experience in agri-food, energy access/distribution development initiatives, and purposefully selected from a range or organizations in development
<b>Part 2 MULTIPLE CASE STUDY</b>	<b>Tier 1 sampling</b> (purposive + convenient based on feasibility, location, timeline, budget) <b>Typology:</b> Atypical, Outlier (promising or successful) <b>Focal areas:</b> Energy access or distribution, agri-food, care economy <b>Maturity of program:</b> Completed/close to being <b>Location:</b> Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America <b>Timeline:</b> Oct 2023 to Dec 2023 (on-site data collection) <b>Budget:</b> Multi-site approach will depend on funding
<b>Part 2 MULTIPLE CASE STUDY</b>	<b>Tier 2 sampling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-depth interviews</li> <li>Semi-structured interviews</li> <li>Focus groups discussions (women's group + men's groups)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ladder of Power and Freedom tool</li> <li>- Gender Action Learning System)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Participant observation/gatherings</li> <li>Document analysis</li> </ul>