

# Theme 1

## **Empowering women within agriculture and food systems**

- Overview of G7 discussions and Japan's experience -

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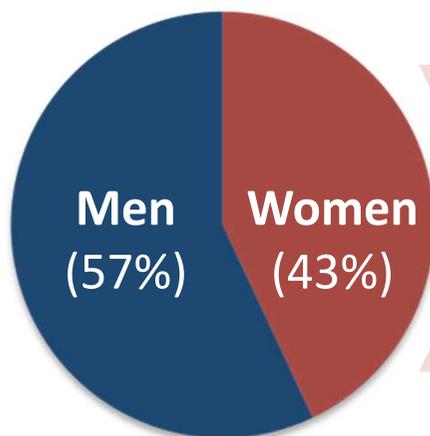
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## Overview of G7 discussions (2016):

# G7 Vision for Action on Food Security and Nutrition

## Why empower women in agriculture and food systems?

% Agricultural workforce in developing countries (average)



Give women equal access to resources & opportunities

Agricultural production 2.5-4%  
Hungry population 100-150 million  
Poverty

[FAO (2011) The State of Food and Agriculture 2010-11: Women in Agriculture]

## G7 priorities

Promote women's equal **rights and access** to resources, especially land

Increase **economic opportunities** with higher and fair returns, both on- and off-farm

Create an **enabling environment** for women to participate in economic activities

## Overview of G7 discussions (2016):

# G7 actions in this area under the Vision for Action

1) Promote **secure land tenure** for women in line with VGGT (Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forestry in the Context of National Food Security)

2) Support **legal, regulatory and social systems** that ensure women's rights access to resources

3) Support **creation of decent employment opportunities** for women in agriculture and food systems

4) Promote **infrastructure, services and technologies** that free up women's time

5) Promote **use of outcome metrics** for women's empowerment (especially Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index)

# Japan's development cooperation policy for promoting empowerment of women

## Development Cooperation Charter (Feb 2015)

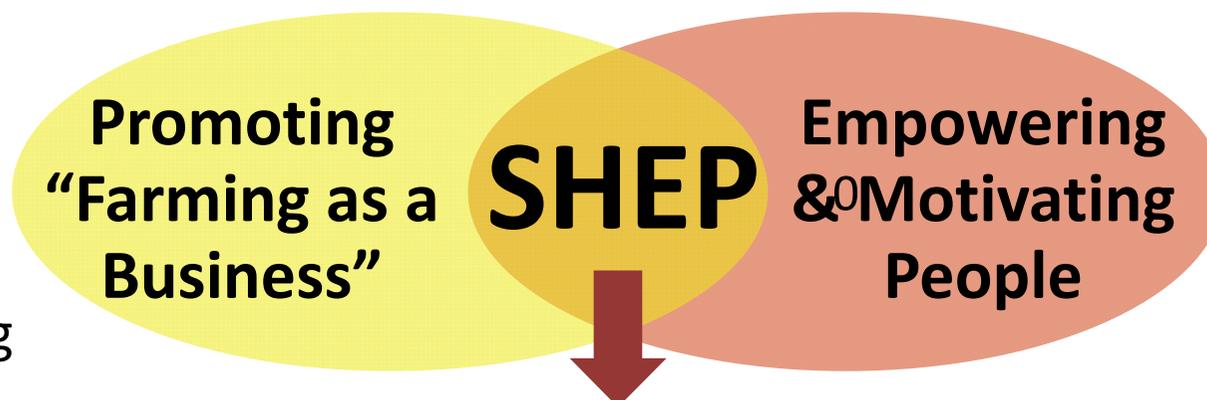
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- **Objective:** Proactive contribution to the peace, stability and prosperity of the international community
- **Guiding principle: Human security**
  - Pursues the right of individuals to live happily and in dignity, free from fear and want, through their protection and empowerment
  - ✓ Focus on individuals, especially the vulnerable, including women
  - ✓ Promote basic human rights, including women's rights
- **Priorities include: Quality growth** and poverty eradication through such growth
  - ✓ Promote people-centered development, encompassing food and nutrition, empowerment of women, among others

# Japan's experience: Promoting SHEP Approach in Africa

## An approach towards market-oriented agriculture (SHEP: Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion)

- Market surveys
- Stakeholder forum
- = Info exchange
- = Better planning



- Gender Awareness Training
- = Couple as farm management team

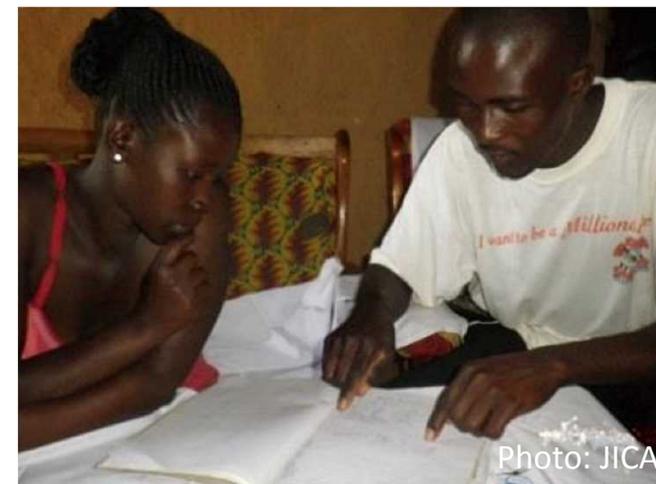
From "Grow and Sell" to "Grow to Sell"



Farmers conducting market surveys



Couple working together on farm



Couple planning family budget together

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## SHEP results

- **Farmers' income increase**
- **Empowerment of women:** Wife and husband are equal partners both in field and in household

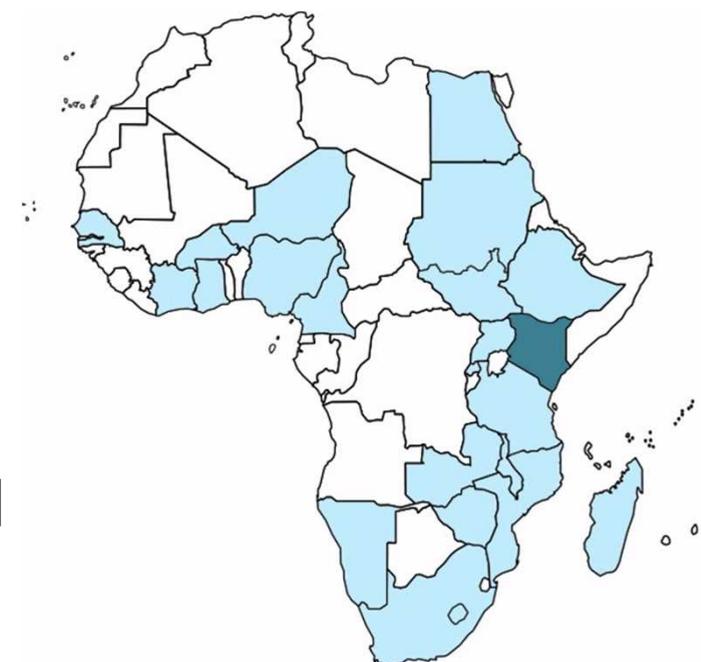


- ✓ Efficient management of farming business
- ✓ Mutual respect and understanding
- ✓ Confidence and motivation



## Long-term sustainable impacts

- **Dissemination of SHEP** (highlight of TICAD V)
  - ✓ 2006: Kenya → 2016: **23 countries** in total
  - ✓ About 30,000 farmers benefitted



# Outcomes of TICAD VI (Kenya, 27-28 August 2016)

## TICAD VI Nairobi Declaration and Implementation Plan

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- **Pillar 1:** Promoting structural economic transformation through economic diversification and industrialization
  - Promote value addition to and beneficiation of agricultural products by raising productivity and developing food value chains
- **Empowerment of women** addressed in the relevant measures



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Keynote address by Prime Minister Abe

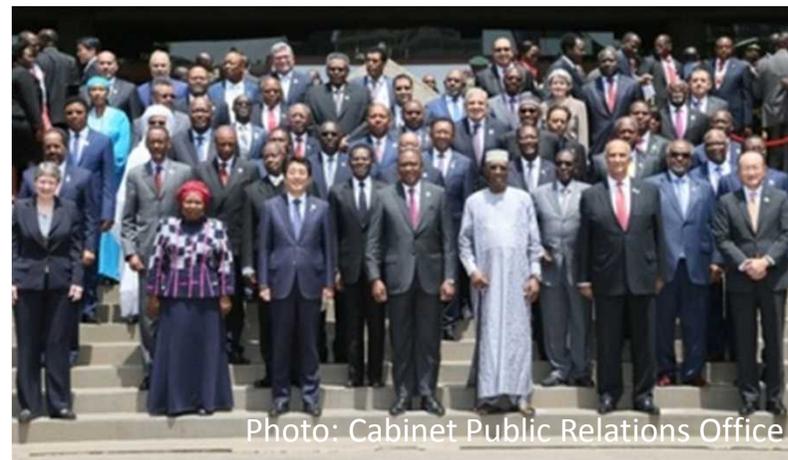


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Representatives of 54 African countries participated

# Thank You



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