FATE: Feminisation, agricultural transition, and rural employment
1. Introduction
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But: To turn women’s income into assets, FATE will analyse the social and political conditions of rural employment and develop evidence-informed tools for more inclusive and sustainable pathways out of poverty.
4 research questions

Extent, character and meaning of new employment opportunities:
1. What does the transformation of agriculture towards export-orientation imply in terms of employment for different segments of the rural population?

Women’s empowerment versus (new) dependencies:
2. How are the gains and the risks of employment opportunities shared and negotiated among different members of the household?

The role of the state and governance of rural labour markets:
3. What are the main elements to create an enabling environment for rural employment, and how can governance become more effective?

Sustainable use of natural resources and division of labour:
4. What trade-offs result from women’s increased labour market participation?
Methodology

Research design:

1. Case-based studies
2. Comparative analysis and longitudinal assessment
Country selection

Purposive sampling with a set of countries comprising representative features, but also variations.
Data collection and work packages

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Mixed methods approach
Contribution to research

1. Bridging different strands of scientific debates
   Challenging ill-founded knowledge about the rural labour market by bridging labour issues and agriculture.

2. Translating assets into capabilities
   Illuminating the conditions needed for households to achieve asset-building capacity, and for women to be economically empowered and improve their well-being.

3. Beyond case studies
   Building evidence from cross-country and longitudinal analysis based on contexts which are different, but comparable.
Contribution to policy

1. Breaking the cycle of poverty
Identifying conditions needed to make sure the gains of export-led agriculture are shared by different groups.

2. Improving effectiveness of reforms
Strengthening existing structures and making reform actors in governments, civil society and the private sector more effective, and their policies more gender responsive.

3. Linking local experience to global policy platforms
Feeding evidence-informed policy messages into regional and global platforms.
Contribution to practice

1. Developing innovative approaches
Testing instruments and tools to be implemented on the ground in order to inform country strategies (PARE initiatives).

2. Communication for social change
Building strong networks and engage different groups in virtual and face-to-face communication platforms.

3. Capacity building
By training young scientists at the interface to development practice, fostering cross-national learning and raising in-country capacities.
Collaboration in the international team

- **WP 1: INVESTIGATION**
- **WP 2: COMPARISON**
- **WP 3: DIALOGUE**
- **WP 4: ACTION**

Management
- FATE Executive Committee
- FATE Board
- FATE Coordination
- International Advisory Board

Contextualisation

Specialisation

Application

Generalisation
Main adjustments to pre-proposal

1. PARE-initiatives
From research to practice, building partnerships and develop interventions based on findings.

2. Rationale for country selection
Our sample draws on theory-driven requirements to construct meaningful axes of comparison.

3. Alternatives to NTAE
Adopting a comprehensive definition of NTAE and including alternative income-generating opportunities to address the dynamics of rural labour markets in their complexity.
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7. Q&A
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