Theme 10: Intrahousehold distribution of managerial decisions and ownership on the holding
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Background

- The WCA 2010 introduced the theme “Management of the holding” that included the concepts of “sub-holding” and “sub-holder” in order to assess the role of women in agriculture.

- The past experience showed that those items were not suitable for such objective. Therefore in the WCA 2020 Programme that theme has been changed to Theme 10: “Intra-household distribution of managerial decisions and ownership” looking for an improved approach to a gender oriented census.

- In consequence the items referred to sub-holding and sub-holder and those related to them were changed as: sex of household members making managerial decisions; area of crops by sex of the person managing them; number of livestock by sex of the person managing them; area of land owned by sex of the owner; number of livestock owned by sex of the owner.
General characteristics of the theme

The theme improves the approach for assessing the distribution of managerial decisions and introduces the identification of ownership within the household.

The main purpose of this theme is to assess the role of gender in decision-making on the holding.

Some countries may wish to reflect more precisely the intra-household distribution of decision-making and ownership within the holding, particularly to investigate the gender-based differences in decision-making and owning of key agricultural assets, such as land and livestock (items 1004 & 1005). Such understanding should lead to improved gender sensitivity in policies and programmes.

It is recommended that countries collect data on these items for each individual household member. This may require some effort to implement but it allows for the possibility of analysing managerial decisions not only by sex but also by other characteristics such as age and education.
Distribution of managerial decisions

In general, two different levels of decisions can be distinguished on the holding. There are: 1) managerial decisions – for example “this year we plant maize” or “this year we market all our bean production” 2) day-to-day operational decisions, such as when to weed or spray the crops or graze the livestock. When collecting data for items 1001-1003, countries should focus on the managerial decisions.

The holder or joint holders are responsible for major decisions made on the holding. This theme aims to capture not only managerial decisions made by the holder and joint holder but also by other household members.
**Items**

Theme 10 comprises 5 items. The first three refer to **management** while the last two refer to **ownership**:

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Item 1001: Sex of household members making managerial decisions

**Type:** Additional item. New item.

**Reference period:** Census reference year.

**Concept:** This item collects the sex of any household members (not just the holder or joint holder) making managerial decisions on the holding.

**Possible categories** of managerial decisions:

- Area of land cultivated and area of land left fallow
- Types of crops grown
- Types of livestock raised
- Applying for agricultural credit
- Investing in capital assets
- Marketing of agricultural products and/or livestock
- Types of inputs used

**Ways to take the information:** These data may be collected in two ways:

- By identifying, for each household member the managerial decision(s) made by him/her (Recommended way);
- By indicating for each managerial decision, whether it was made by a male, a female or jointly by male and female household members.
Item 1002: Area of crops by sex of the person managing them

**Type:** Additional item. New item.

**Reference period:** Census reference year.

**Possible groups:** It may be suitable to group the crops. The following groups may be considered:

- Cereals
- Vegetables and melons
- Other temporary crops
- Permanent crops

**Ways to take the information:** These data may be collected in two ways:

- By identifying, for each household member the areas of crops under his/her sole or joint management (Recommended way);
- By indicating which of the crop areas already reported in the crop section, are under the management of a male, a female or jointly by male and female household members.
Item 1003: Number of livestock by sex of the person managing them

**Type:** Additional item. New item.

**Reference period:** Census reference year.

**Possible groups:** It may be suitable to group the types of livestock. The following groups may be considered:

- Bovine animals;
- Camels and camelids;
- Sheep and goats;
- Poultry and birds;
- Swine/pigs;
- Other animals.

**Ways to take the information:** These data may be collected in two ways:

By identifying, for each household member the number and types of livestock under his/her sole or joint management (Recommended way);

By indicating out of the total number of each livestock type already reported in the livestock section, the number under the management of a male, a female or jointly by male and female household members.
Distribution of land and livestock ownership

Countries wishing to cover also the distribution of land and livestock ownership on the holding may include the items below that relate to all household members, including the holder and joint holders:

- **1004**: Area of land owned by sex of the owner
- **1005**: Number of livestock owned by sex of the owner
Item 1004: Area of land owned by sex of the owner

**Type:** Additional item. New item.

**Reference period:** Census reference year.

**Concept:** This item refers to ownership of land. It applies only to that part of the holding’s land which is owned by household members, including the holder.

**Note:** Countries are recommended to use the ownership forms that are most appropriate to their circumstances but fitting into one of the broad land tenure categories, “Legal ownership or legal owner-like possession” and “Non-legal ownership or non-legal owner-like possession” described in Theme #2, Land.

**Ways to take the information:** These data may be collected in two ways:

- By identifying, for each household member the area owned solely or jointly by him/her (Recommended way). If an area is owned jointly by more than one household member, then it should be recorded as owned by each of them;
- By disaggregating the owned area already reported in Theme #2 into areas owned by a male, a female or jointly by male and female household members.
Item 1005: Number of livestock by sex of the owner.

**Type:** Additional item. New item.

**Reference period:** Census reference day.

**Concept:** This item applies only to the number of the livestock being kept on the holding that are owned by household members, including the holder. Countries should decide which forms of ownership to investigate.

**Note:** It may be suitable to group the livestock in broad categories, the ones suggested for item 1003 may be used.

**Ways to take the information:** These data may be collected in two ways:

- By identifying, for each household member the numbers and type of livestock owned solely or jointly by him/her (Recommended way). If a livestock item is owned jointly by more than one household member, then it should be recorded as owned by each of them.

- By indicating out of the total number of each livestock type already reported in Theme #5 the numbers owned by a male, a female or jointly by male and female household members, including the holder.
Country experiences

Country examples refer to the implementation of the theme “Management of the holding” from the WCA2020 Programme. Therefore they use concepts and items from that Programme. According to the assessment about the accomplishment of the WCA 2010 recommendations, only a few countries took information on the Theme “Management of the holding”.

2007 St Lucia Census of agriculture and fisheries.

Section J of the census questionnaire collected information about persons responsible for managerial decisions by means of two questions in form of tables:

Q. 37. “State sex and age of person mainly responsible for farming activities”. It opened in 10 options: 1) Permanent crops; 2) Temporary crops; 3) Cattle; 4) Pigs; 5) Poultry; 6) Sheep; 7) Goats; 8) Rabbits; 9) Beehives; 10) Other animals.

Q.38 “State other activities of household members during 2006 and the number of members involved by sex according to income obtained”. It was opened in 15 economic activities accordingly to ISIC (Rev. 3) and for each activity, the number of males and number of females either obtaining and not obtaining any income was recorded.
Country experiences

Lao PDR– Agricultural Census 2010-2011

For each household member, Question 92 in the sample census questionnaire investigates “Who was the member(s) of the household deciding for the crops and animals activity?”
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