

# WHY THE EMPHASIS MUST BE ON WOMEN

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# Gender & Fisheries Activity:

- 🐟 Fishing (and gleaning) part of a household livelihood strategy
- 🐟 Wide range of men's & women's fisheries occupations (e.g., catching, growing, processing, trading)
- 🐟 Household gender division of labor – varies by place, generally strong women involvement
- 🐟 Women's and girl's contributions less often recognized





## International Day of Rural Women – 15 October

- Rural women produce half of the world's food, but are some of the most disadvantaged people on the planet.
- Rural women make up 25% of the global population
- The number of rural women living in poverty has doubled since the 1970s
- Women produce 50% of the world's food, but only own 1% of the land
- Only 39% of girls in rural areas attend high school
- Women with a secondary education tend to have fewer children, marry later in life, and are less likely to experience violence
- Rural women in Sub-Saharan Africa spend 40 billion hours a year collecting water
- Giving women access to agricultural resources, training and services, could increase the productivity of their farms, and feed up to 150 million hungry people
- Increase seafood business? Educate women about the 1,000 Days

# SUN: 1,000 Days

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Fat in the Critical Thousand Days  
Ensuring  
Adequacy of Essential Dietary Fats  
for Mothers and Children in  
Low and Middle Income Countries

<http://www.thousanddays.org/>

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# First 1,000 Days

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Global, National and Individual Development



Brain Development and Cognitive Capacity (1,000 Days)



Essential Dietary Fats



Fish (small marine) and Fish Products

# AwF wants to assist women in equity and equality through aquaculture – come and join us



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# Questions?



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