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Gender Divison of Labor within Households

This case study presents the result of a field research conducted in Wonogiri District of Central Java, Indonesia during January-March 2006 as part of the SEANAFE Project on Markets for Agroforestry Tree Products. One of the goals of the study was to examine the gender roles in production, processing, and marketing of agroforestree-tree products-cashew nuts. Primary information was obtained from a variety of respondents, including farmers (20), middlemen (3), processors (3), government agencies, financial institutions, farming cooperatives and NGOs. The respondents were interviewed in depth, either individually or in focus groups. Field work was conducted in Rejosari village, located in the important cashew producing sub-district of Ngadisrono. This village was selected by the government of Wonogiri to be developed as the centre of its cashew nut industry. In general it was found that there was imbalanced of gender partnership in labor division applied at cultivation, processing and marketing of cashew nuts between man and woman. The unequal gender role has also existed in the accessibility and control towards collector traders and whole traders; however, equal gender role has already existed in the accessibility and control towards farming activities and processor and even the role of women is more dominant in processing than that of men. It was also found the unequal gender partnership at community level due to the socio cultural constraints. Recommendations are required such as the agreement among communities in the village to reformulate its regional planning and this will involve both men and women. Women empowerment should be focused on the potential of cashew nut processing skill, for instance, processing broken cashew nut to sandwich (chips), and cashew nut processed chocolate. Farmer club is empowered by increasing the quality of skill and knowledge of women, especially in the area of marketing of processed local commodities, for instance, cassava chip with gadung essence, turmeric instant, and cashew nut nursery.

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