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**Formulating policies to empower women in agriculture:  
a step toward sustainable agriculture development.**

## **Male out-migration and agricultural feminization: Agricultural productivity and farm drudgery among females in Nepalese agrarian households**

Several push and pull factors caused millions of male laborers from developing countries to migrate around the world. This has changed the traditional role of left-behind female members of agrarian households. A few studies have related migration and remittance with agricultural productivity and the role of left-behind female members, but stress and drudgery faced by these members remain unexplored. Against this backdrop, a survey on time use and agricultural productivity will be conducted among 1000 agrarian households to explore how farm productivity and labor supply of females changed when household members migrate or send remittances in the context of Nepal which witnessed increase in both migration and remittances since the late 1990s. Subsequently, this study will also cast light on impacts of remittances and migration on farm drudgery and stress among the females in rural Nepal. I expect this study will have broad policy implications for countries like Nepal.

