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**Panel discussion on  
“The empowerment of rural women  
and their role in poverty and hunger eradication,  
development and current challenges”**

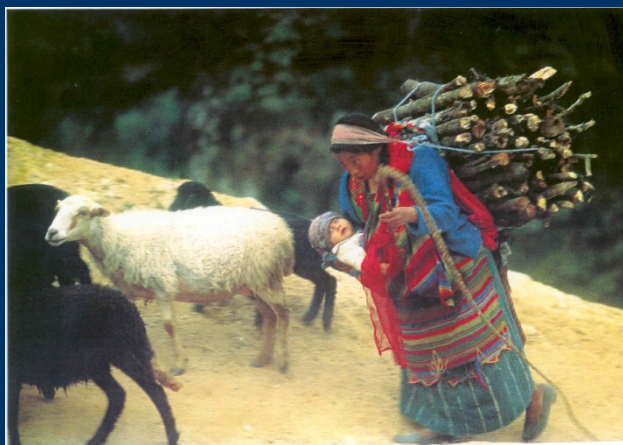
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# Access to decent work as a pathway to rural women's empowerment

1. Many rural employment forms
2. The market and the non-market strongly interconnected
3. Women's paid employment reduces poverty but does not always lead to emancipation
4. Decent work deficits acute for rural women
5. Need for a mix of integrated and context-specific policy measures
6. Non-farm jobs not always a better option

# Most important preconditions for achieving decent work for rural women

- Redistribute and reduce rural women's unpaid work



- Enhance rural women's capacity to mobilise and act collectively