

Need and Role of Nutrition towards Gender Equality: A participative model for inclusion and development of women in India

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Background

Present Status of Women in Rural India:

- More than 74% of rural female workforce in India is in agriculture
- Though women spend more time in the field managing the various operations, but they remain unrecognised by the state and the society
- Their rights to be called as a farmers is completely exploited
- Land ownership directly rights directly affects the control over the income

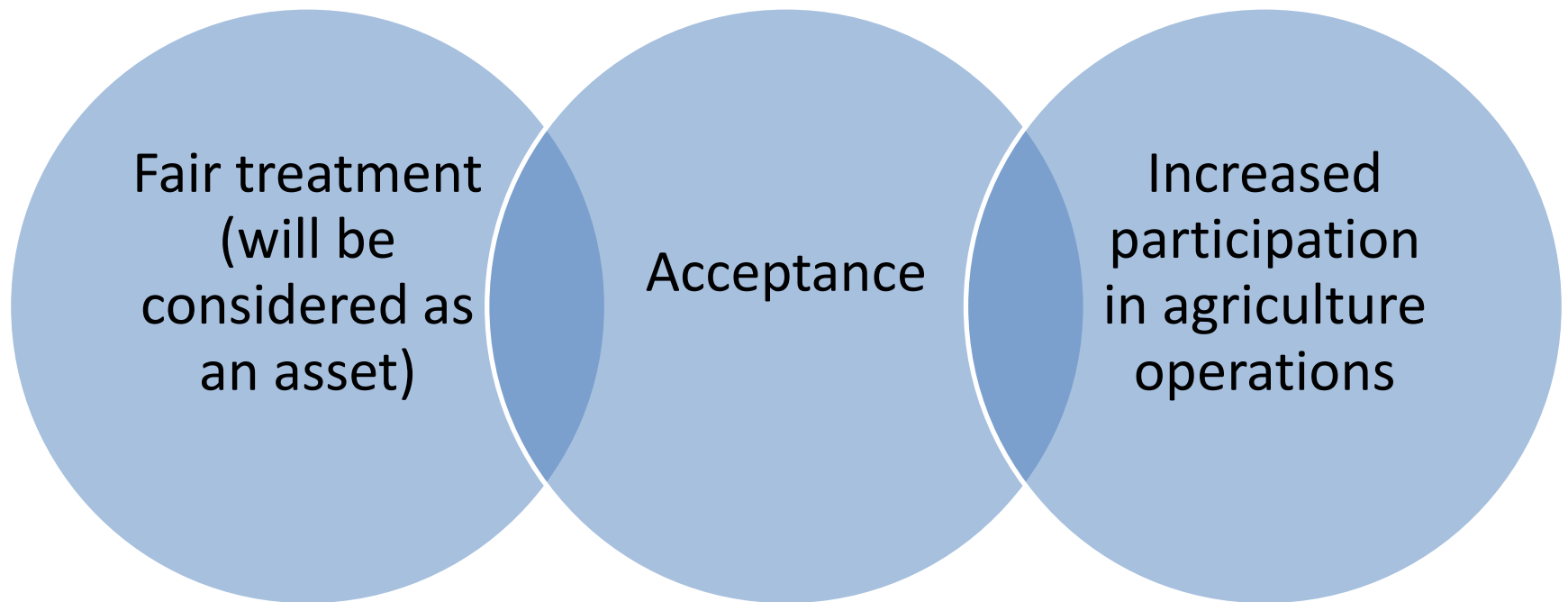
Sad and Alarming Picture and Figures

- Between 2005 and 2015 more than 2,000 women were killed who were branded as witch earlier (Report of NCRB, India)
- Crop failure and additional expenses for curative health care were among the main reasons for it
- One third of women of reproductive age in India are undernourished (Unicef India Website)

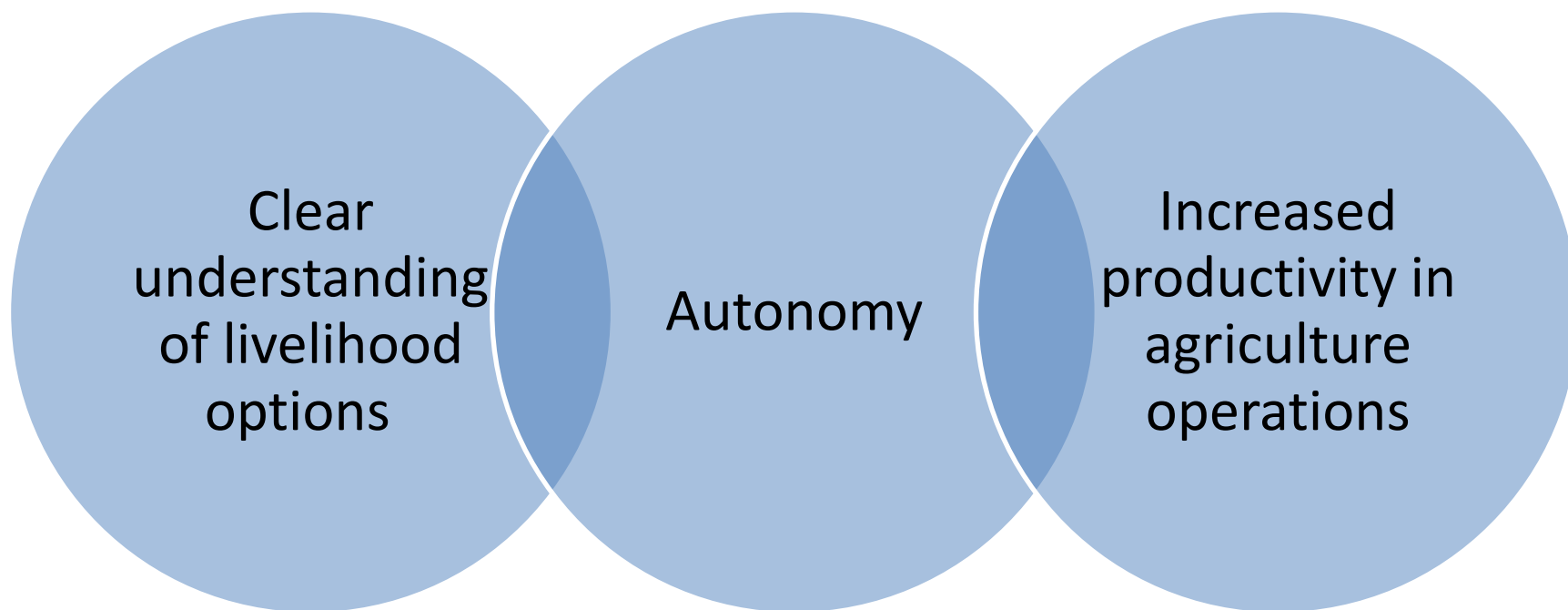
Need of Nutrition Towards Gender Equality

- The present structure of the Public Distribution System (PDS)
- Nutrition can help in resolving the various problems (at family level)
- Can address various societal issues
- Can promote peace
- Can help in creating awareness and sensitizing the rural masses

Role of Nutrition towards gender equality



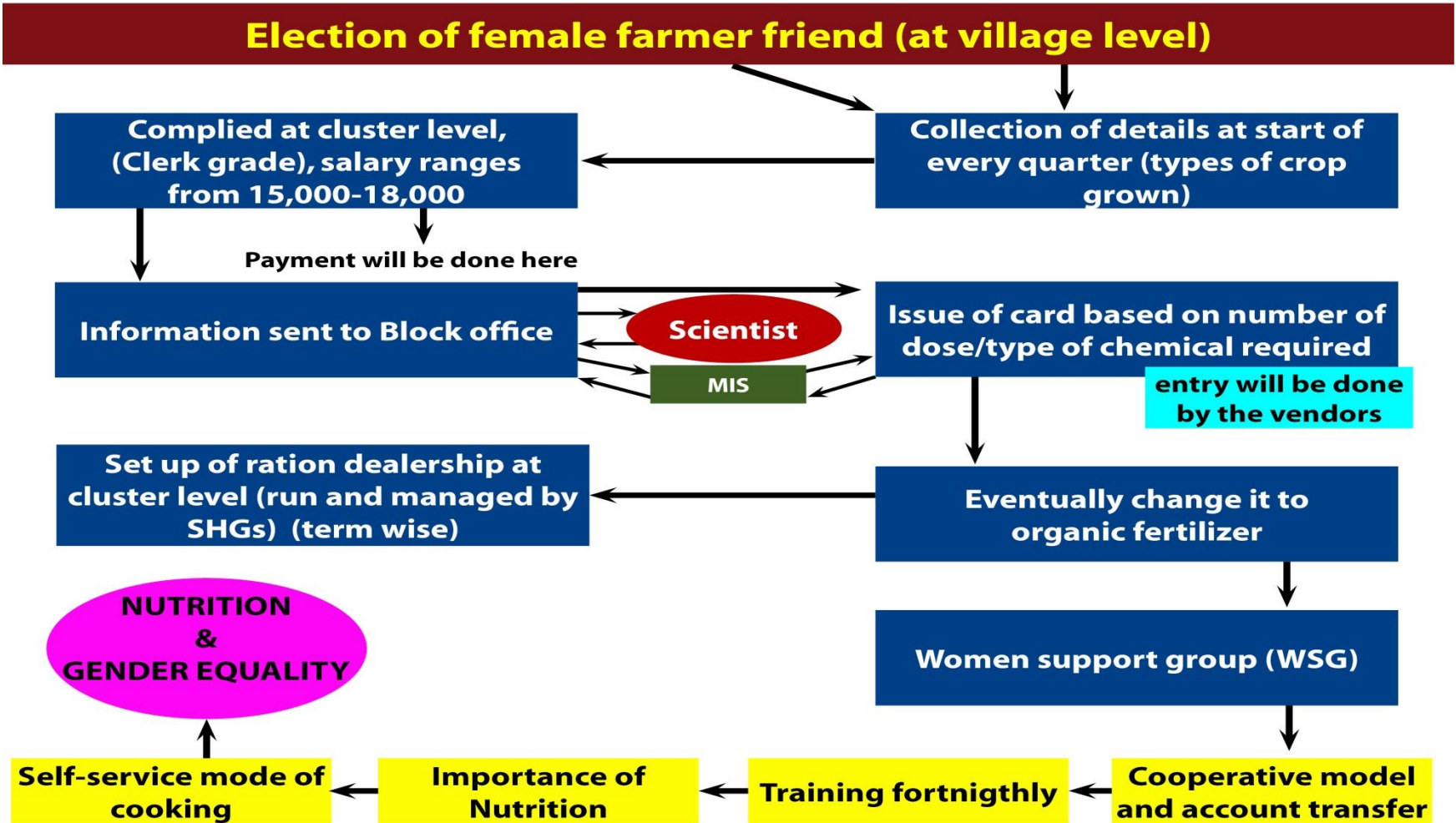
Role of Nutrition towards gender equality (Contd)...



So, why do we actually need a new model?

- To ensure participation
- Bottom up approach of development
- To ensure control over resources
- To make the women financially self sustained
- To ensure a say in the household decision making process

The model



Assumptions & Risks

Assumptions

- Mutual Cohesion
- More training will make the women understand
- Sensitizing the male members
- Less govt. intervention
- More govt. support

Risks

- Sustainability
- Monitoring of the MIS
- Polarization of the Ration Centre
- Caste and Politics

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