

Supporting Women's Economic Development in Rural Papua New Guinea

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Abstract : Farmer training in Papua New Guinea has focused mainly on technology transfer approaches. This has primarily benefited men and often excluded women whose literacy, low education and role in subsistence crops has precluded participation in formal training. The paper discusses an approach that uses both a brokerage model of agricultural extension to link smallholders with private sector agencies and an innovative family team's approach that aims to support the economic empowerment of women in families and encourages sustainable and gender equitable farming and business practices.

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