

What's up on Work in Agriculture?

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Child Labour in Agriculture | FAO

Child labour is defined as work that is inappropriate for a child's age, affects children's education, or is likely to harm their health, safety or morals. It should be emphasized that not all work carried out by children is considered child labour.

Links: http://www.fao.org/childlabouragriculture/en/

Tags: Child labour

B-roll: From child labour to the Presidential Palace

Lebanon has a new children's choir - but this is a choir with a difference. All its members have, at some point in their lives, engaged in child labour - some in its worst and most hazardous forms. The choir is made up of Lebanese as well as Syrian and Palestinian refugee children. The choir's first performance at the Presidential Palace in Baabda on the outskirts of the capital Beirut was attended by the President of Lebanon Michel Aoun.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/b-rolls/WCMS 622784/lang--

en/index.htm

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Yemaya - ICSF's Newsletter on Gender and Fisheries | FAO

Women in fish processing and trade in many parts of the world are increasingly getting organised and networked to build capacity and entrepreneurial capabilities. The current issue brings together many such examples: from the Caribbean, of women fishers' organisations working towards networking, representation and capacity building; from Africa, of women across several fishing nations networking to build capacity, adopt best practices and increase their incomes, while also advocating for more gender-responsive fisheries policy; from Europe, of the women's network AKTEA campaigning for equal rights for women in fisheries as well as for sustainable fishing practices. All the articles in this issue thus represent examples of gender mainstreaming in different contexts, whether by external inputs of capacity building or by women's self-organization or through access to simple technologies, with family support being crucially important.

Links: http://www.fao.org/family-farming/detail/en/c/1104646/

Tags: Gender, Family work, Entrepreneur

ICA Programme: Leveraging ICTs to promote decent youth employment | FAO

A common feature of the country-level implementation of the FAO Integrated Country Approach (ICA) for promoting decent rural employment is the active engagement of youth into policy dialogue on agri-food systems' and rural development. On this purpose, the ICA programme is exploring and establishing pilot models to foster community building and engagement at local level, adopting participatory

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communication principles and leveraging the potential of ICTs. Such models are demand-driven and fully tailored to local needs

Links: http://www.fao.org/rural-employment/resources/detail/en/c/1025056/

Tags: Youth, Health and decent work, Extension, Skills and training

You've Got Internet! - Connecting Rural Areas

Twenty years ago, if you wanted internet access in many rural areas of America, you had to plug your computer into a phone line, listen to the dialing sound, and hope for the best. Today many people can easily join the cyber world at reliable speeds that few imagined decades ago. The internet has become a gateway to consumption opportunities and information that boggles the mind. It has transformed how businesses operate in both rural and urban areas. Although the percentage of people with broadband has increased, many in rural communities still lack broadband access and the accompanying benefits.

Links : http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/AAEABlog/~3/cNVTqPjck8Q/member-blog-peter-f-orazem-and-younjun.html

Tags: Rural Employment, Policy, Innovation

Information and communications technologies are essential to the empowerment and success of poor rural women

Information and communications technologies are essential to the empowerment and success of poor rural women. Many women, particularly young rural women, lack access to productive resources such as land, credit and technology. If the interests and needs of rural women and girls are addressed, there is significant potential for information and communication technology to foster gender equality and the improvement of rural livelihoods.

Links: http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1105699/icode/

Tags: Gender

Digital Services in Africa | FAO |

FAO and its partners are involved in the development and implementation of digital inclusion initiatives and the scaling up of innovative digital services. Bringing solutions closer to the needs of poor households in Africa and other regions is a direct contribution to poverty reduction and food security. ICTs help maximizing the impact of existing rural advisory services, financial services, social protection programmes. ICTs facilitate access to markets, information and entrepreneurship opportunities. Digital inclusion initiatives address the barriers to mobile internet adoption through infrastructure and policy, affordability, digital literacy and availability of local content.

Links: http://www.fao.org/in-action/africa-digital-services-portfolio/en/

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FAO launches mobile application to support fight against Fall Armyworm in Africa

Helping farmers take appropriate action: Once farmers and workers check their crops for infestations and upload the required data, the app calculates infestation levels so that farmers can take immediate actions to manage the situation. The data is validated by national Fall Armyworm focal points and transferred to a global web-based platform. It is then analyzed to give a real-time situation overview with maps of Fall Armyworm infestations and the measures that were most effective in reducing its impact.

Links: http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1106850/icode/

Tags: Innovation

Yapasa - Creating decent work for rural youth |FAO

Three times everyday, Charles picks up his fishing net and takes a walk across his fathers farm to take care of his new passion: fish. Charles Shawa is a recent high school graduate, who lives Zambia's Chongwe district. After completing secondary school studies where he excelled in agriculture as a subject, he decided to add an aquaculture component to his father's plot. Charles is one of 120 youths mobilised to get into the business of fish farming by local enterprises supported by a programme called "Yapasa" which aims to create decent work for 3,000 rural youths across Zambia. Yapasa, is a local colloquial term that means, It has passed. Aquaculture itself is a strategic business venture in Zambia, which has the highest number of water bodies in the region. Fish, which is an affordable source of protein, has also been on increasing demand in the country which has to import up to 30 000 metric tones a year. The Yapasa programme is a result of a unique joint partnership between the FAO and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) that seeks to empower young people to look at agriculture as a business.

Links: http://www.fao.org/reduce-rural-poverty/resources/resources-detail/ru/c/1103360/

Tags: Youth, Health and decent work

Regional Office for Africa Newsletter - FAO

Fish and cassava stop migration in Guinea-Bissau: The Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) requested FAO to implement a US\$4 million project in six West African nations to generate employment for youth in aquaculture and cassava value chains.

Links: http://www.fao.org/3/i8381en/I8381EN.pdf
Tags: Youth, Migration, Extension, Value chains

Campaña regional por la autonomía plena de las mujeres rurales en América Latina y El Caribe

La campaña es una iniciativa de trabajo colaborativo que durante 2018 sumará esfuerzos, articulará redes, identificará desafíos y divulgará experiencias y conocimientos sobre el empoderamiento y la autonomía plena de las mujeres rurales, indígenas y afrodescendientes de América Latina y el Caribe.

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Links: http://www.fao.org/family-farming/resources/es/

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