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Three Questions about the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index

The new [Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index](#) (WEAI) will be officially launched today during the United Nations' 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York City. The WEAI is the first-ever measure to directly capture women's empowerment and inclusion levels in the agricultural sector.

The index is the product of a partnership between USAID, the [International Food Policy Research Institute](#) (IFPRI), and the [Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative](#) (OPHI) of Oxford University, in support of President Obama's Feed the Future initiative to combat global hunger and poverty.

Paul Weisenfeld, Assistant to the Administrator for the Bureau for Food Security at USAID, Dr. Sabina Alkire who leads OPHI, and Dr. Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow for the Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division at IFPRI answer questions about this innovative measurement tool.

- [Read the full post on the USAID IMPACTblog.](#)

[Read more](#) about the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index on our site. And don't forget to [watch the official launch](#) live at 1:15 p.m. EST via the United Nations webcast. You can follow [@feedthefuture](#) on Twitter for additional updates.