

Changing Lives Series

“Cerrando Brecha”: Closing the gender gap **Technical Lab on Gender Transformative Approaches**

30th June 2022

17:00 – 18:15 CET

Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish

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Introduction

The Technical Lab on Gender Transformative Programming jointly organized by IFAD and the JP GTA Global Coordination Unit. It is the second of a series of **technical webinars** that aims to support the scaling-up of gender transformative activities within IFAD’s project portfolio through concrete how to do knowledge sessions.

The series of events is launched under the framework of the EU-RBA [Joint Programme on Gender Transformative Approaches for Food Security and Nutrition \(JP GTA\)](#) that works to tackle the root causes of gender inequality, including rigid gender norms and harmful practices, through gender transformative approaches.

The series has the following main objectives: (i) Define gender transformative programming, key concepts, principles and methodologies; (ii) Illustrate gender transformative approaches and how to design and implement them within the IFAD’s loan portfolio; (iii) Share country cases, lessons and good practices; and (iv) explain how to measure gender transformative changes.

“Cerrando Brecha”: Closing the gender gap

This session, organized in collaboration with the IFAD Latin America and the Caribbean Division (LAC), will introduce “Cerrando Brecha”, a gender transformative approach created in 2003 and successfully implemented in 11 IFAD-funded projects^[1]. The objective of this methodology is to identify and analyse existing gender gaps within the rural organizations, unequal power dynamics and behaviours and, through adequate technical support and capacity building, ensure that local grassroots organizations and implementing partners can, based on a participatory analysis and joint decisions, introduce gender transformative measures and actions within the rural organizations. During this technical lab, the author of Cerrando Brecha training manual and the Gender Focal Point of an IFAD-funded programme will present this gender transformative methodology and the impact it had on development operations.

Agenda

17.00 **Welcome Remarks**

- **Ndaya Beltchika**, Lead Technical Specialist – Gender and Social Inclusion, IFAD

17.05 **Gender Transformative Programming in LAC (Video)**

- **Andrijana Nestorovic**, Gender and Social Inclusion Analyst, IFAD

17.15 **Presentation of the Methodology and impact achieved so far**

- **Ana Lucía Moreno**, Senior Gender Expert

17:40 **Adoption of “Cerrando Brecha” into the IFAD’s portfolio: lessons from El Salvador**

- **Elsa Tejada**, Gender Specialist, National Programme of Rural Economic Transformation for Living Well - Rural Adelante (Rural Adelante) El Salvador

17.50 **Q&A Session**

17.10 **Closing**

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