

Alternative Development and gender aspects

*Livelihood analysis as a gender-sensitive needs
assessment in drug crop cultivation areas.*

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Root causes of rural drug economies

- Poverty
- Fragile institutions
- Lack of public services, infrastructure, land
- Illicit markets
- Violence
- Gender inequality



Alternative Development

- Comprehensive rural development
- Long-term engagement based on realistic goals
- Principles: proper sequencing, non-conditionality, do no harm



Rethinking the Approach of Alternative Development

Principles and Standards of Rural Development in Drug Producing Areas

Gender aspects in rural drug economies

- Double burden for rural women
- Discrimination and violence against women
- **Women play a key role** for sustainable development



Implications for Alternative Development

- AD must **take into account** prevailing **gender-roles**
- Livelihood analysis is a **gender-sensitive tool** that facilitates a basis for the design and monitoring of development measures



Instruments: Livelihood analysis in a drugs environment

- Quantitative socio-economic data
- Qualitative data on household livelihood assets (capital)
- Rural income and incentive structures
- Gender aspects
- Institutional landscape



Identify the roots causes of illicit drug crop cultivation and sustainable livelihood options

- **Understand rural livelihood systems from a gender-sensitive household perspective**
- Which role does illicit drug crop cultivation play for livelihood systems?
- How to **promote** existing local livelihood assets and strategies in order to deliver **sustainable livelihood opportunities**?

Data collection and analysis

- Gender-sensitive and semi-standardised household surveys
- Focus-group interviews with women and men
- In-depth interviews with selected households
- Expert interviews

Livelihood strategies

- Intensification
- Extensification
- Diversification
- Migration



Livelihood outcomes regarding:

- Food security
- Employment and income
- Capacities
- Resilience
- Natural resources



Taking action

- Gender mainstreaming in AD programmes
- Gender transformative approach
- Empowerment of women
 - Decision-making
 - Participation in project activities

Conclusion

- Holistic and integrated perspective on how people achieve sustainable livelihoods
- ...or why they fail to achieve these...
- Strategic entry points for the diversification of rural livelihoods
- Reduce dependency on the illicit drug-economy



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