

## FORWARD Nepal

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1. Majority in strategy are for overcoming inequalities; involving men

3. Funding (raising) for women empowerment entrepreneurship.

### Rural women - backbone of the rural economy

#### Food production

Women produce over half the food worldwide. 72.8 percent of economically active women involved in agricultural activities (Nepal context)

#### Nutrition

Women with low BMI- 18%  
Malnourished mother leads to malnourished generation

#### Labor force

Comprise 43% of the agricultural labor force in developing countries. (65% - Nepal context)



#### Remittance receiver

Recipients of remittance-migration of male members to urban place or abroad

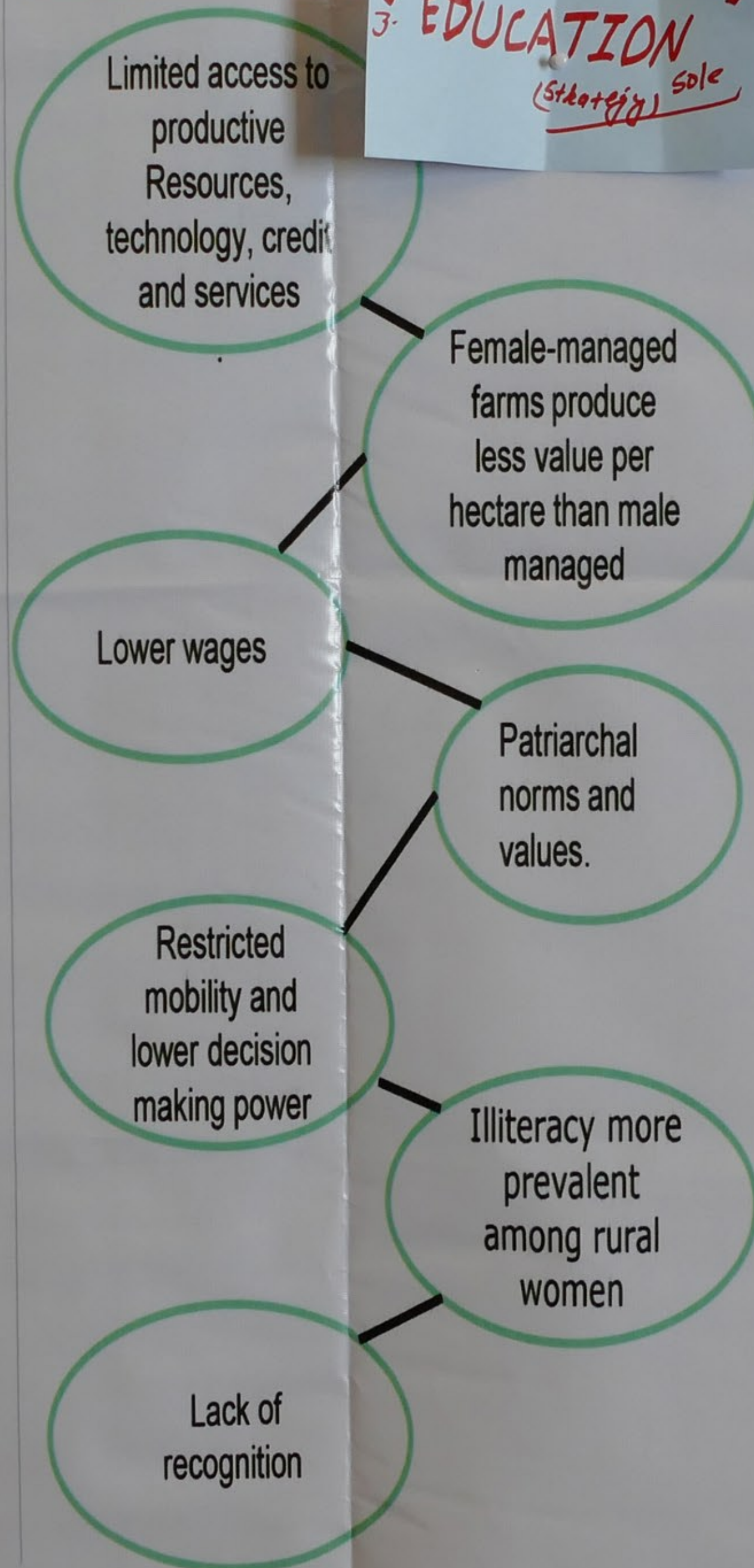
#### Health

Less access to health care. Maternal deaths disproportionately affect rural women

#### Land ownership

Only 10% rural women have land ownership

### Limitations



### Key strategies

- ➔ Creating environment for amendment and formulation of women friendly laws and policies
- ➔ Orientation and training on the sustainable use of remittances, and linking it to enhance the growth and productivity of agriculture
- ➔ Support advocacy and campaign on women's low wages, unpaid care work and shared responsibility
- ➔ Strengthen the rights of rural women, especially in relation to land, seed rights
- ➔ Assist rural women farmers' cooperatives to receive government services and inputs and access credits.
- ➔ Advocate and raise awareness on infant and young children feeding practices
- ➔ Train rural women's networks on leadership skills, public speaking and life skills; support mobilization to advocate their rights

Empowering and investing in rural women has been shown to significantly increase productivity and income, thus contributing on food and nutrition security