

Group 1:

1. Major challenges
 - a. Security of investments
 - b. Extortion of investments
 - c. Household financial burden – affects the working capital of the women
 - d. Unplanned infrastructure = limited access to landing sites – poor roads, distance
 - e. Insecurity issues
 - f. Corruption and low prioritization in distribution of government resources; or grants; politicization – Lack of accountability
 - g. Inadequate market information systems
 - h. Lack of ownership of working tools/fishing gear – vessels – leads to conniving,
 - i. No proper guideline on quality control and value addition – women's products being left out
 - j. Abandonment, neglect of families and children
 - k. Child exploitation and abuse
2. Specific measures
 - a. Investment on community infrastructure that supports women's activities
 - b. Investment in innovative projects accessible for women
 - c. Effective representation of women in decision making
 - d. Code of conduct for responsible fisheries that is sensitive to women
3. Issues in Post-harvest sector
 - a. Technology – accessible, modern/innovative – to improve productivity, value addition (cold storage, rooms)
 - b. Unregulated or inaccessible/inadequate information on policies – eg taxation, certification
 - c. Access to lucrative markets – seasonality and fluctuation in pricing systems
 - d. Market volatility – Price
 - e. External market monopoly ...
 - f. Inadequate quality control – eg: handling,
4. How can they be addressed and negotiated through specific measures
 - a. Choice of technology
 - i. Relevant, accessible and affordable technology – locally relevant (eg storage facilities)
 - b. Improving and promoting relevant and timely information systems –
 - c. Market information systems – connecting to marketing platforms;
 - d. Establish community marketing cooperatives