

TITLE: COVID-19: gendered risks, impact & response in the Indo-Pacific

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE APPROVALS:

2021/147 (Papua New Guinea)

2021/148 (The Philippines)

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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS:

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Screening Criteria for Interview and Focus Group Participation

Gender: Women

Age: > 18 years

Current job: Farmer or market stall holder/market vendors**

Farmer is defined as a smallholder or lease holder of land. Harvest crops for local market. Primary income from harvest. No discretionary income. Smallholders are family units that exist in a family-labour intensive system with low capital input. These farmers generally have limited opportunities for livelihood improvement. We will not include wage labourers, i.e. exclude farm labourers working for large farms supply chains.

Food market stall holder or market vendor is defined as an individual who primarily sell food (i.e. fish, vegetables), other perishables (i.e. flowers) and/or essentials from local or home-based market stall. A market stall holder or vendor could own a stall or rent a stall or operate a stall (not defined as owner) Not a wage labourer i.e. exclude individuals working for supermarket chains.

**Exclude retired, student, public sector employee, commercial employee or individual not engaged in any paid work activity.

Notes:

Smallholders are usually family units that exist in a family-labour intensive system with low capital input. These farmers generally have limited opportunities for livelihood improvement because of limited farm size, poor knowledge in production and marketing, and difficulties accessing finance. In the Philippines, a common practice of development agencies in maximising the reach and impact of a farmer focussed assistance program is to organise smallholder farmers for collective action into agricultural clusters.

Market stall persons could be owners or operators and/or seller (not defined as owner)