

Rent-to-Own Deep-Water Seaweed Farming — Aqua-Farms Organization's Tubular Net Financing for Women Farmers

Gender Equality · Good practice · Tanzania

Quality score: 85/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

On Zanzibar's Pemba Island, where 88% of seaweed farmers are women, the NGO Aqua-Farms Organization lets women's cooperatives rent-to-own deep-water tubular-net equipment at 0% interest, lifting average farmer income from US\$30 to US\$80 a month for around 300 women.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Aqua-Farms Organization \(AFO\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Global Center on Adaptation – The 'Seaweed Women' of Tanzania](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Maliasili – AFO partner profile](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[ORRAA – Ocean Resilience Innovation Challenge project page](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

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