< | begin of text | Yet low productivity and competitiveness, segmented transport infrastructure and other market barriers makes it more convenient to buy imported products. Female farmers who produce to sell on the market regularly experience these obstacles more severely than their male counterparts âÇK a situation which undermines their capacity to grow their businesses, when it does not directly threaten their human security (IF AD, 201 5, OECD /S W AC 201 6 ). Women and men work side -by -side albeit with distinctive cropping patterns: they often cultivate separate crops or tend to different livestock.