

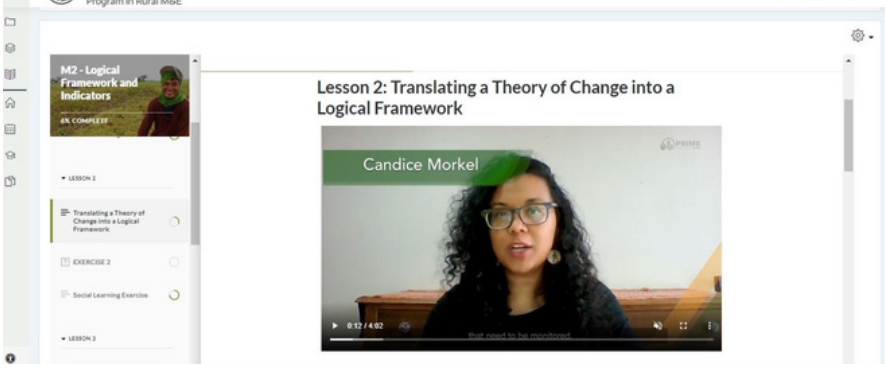


The end of 2020 is just around the corner! And although this has been a particularly difficult year for all of us, we have gradually learned to adapt to the new circumstances, to meet our goals in the context of the new normality and to look for alternatives to stay connected. So we want to celebrate with you one of our greatest achievements: the launch of our first online course, **Fundamentals of Monitoring and Evaluation 1!**

### PRiME Online : first edition

This new phase of the Program officially started on the **5th of October**, with the start of the Monitoring and Evaluation Fundamentals 1 course, which **was delivered exclusively to staff nominated by IFAD**.

PRiME Online is based on a model that combines synchronous and asynchronous learning. On the one hand, participants have the opportunity to review the course contents and **challenge their learning individually**. On the other hand, they **exchange experiences** in the discussion forums and every week they solve exercises and questions directly with the trainers in the live study sessions.



### Coming soon

In 2021 we will return with more fully online courses available to the public. With PRiME Online courses, you will have the opportunity to stay more connected than ever before with individual exercises, discussion forums and fully live sessions with your trainers and colleagues.

**Keep an eye on our social media ads !**

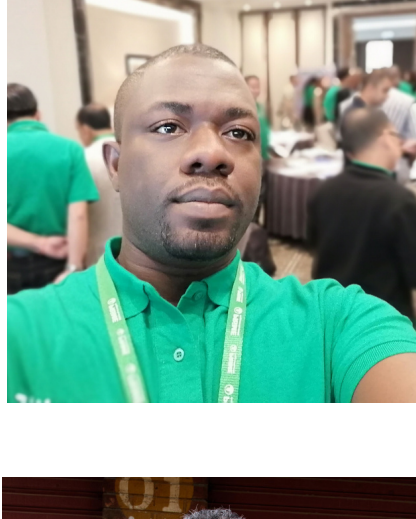


### Rural Blog

#### What I learned in PRiME: Franck Adjobo

By Franck Adjobo | Country: Benin

Franck Adjobo, agro-economist engineer, shares with us how the tools and knowledge acquired at PRiME allowed him to improve the M&E system of his project. Find out which were his main thoughts on the courses, how he improved his work performance and how PRiME's training boosted his professional career. [Read the full text.](#)



#### Innovative evaluations of complex programs: the experience of the Small Producer Program in Mexico

By Karla Pinel & Erick Herrera-Galván | Country: Costa Rica and Mexico

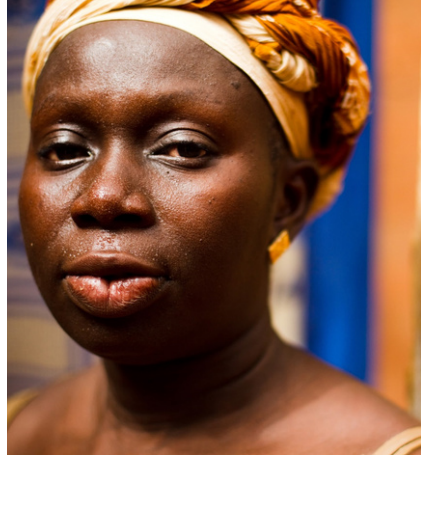
Increasing the productivity of small-scale farmers is key to improving their living conditions and ensuring inclusive development. In this entry, two members of CLEAR LAC's evaluation team share with us their experience in evaluating the Small Producer Program, an initiative of the Walmart Foundation to insert small agricultural producers into value chains. For the evaluation, the team adapted the harvesting scoping method, a qualitative methodology that emphasizes the participation of the actors involved in the program. [Read the full text.](#)



#### Rural development must be feminist, or it cannot be

By Mariana Gallardo | Country: Mexico

Despite the fact that women are central to productive life in rural areas, policies and programs often lack a gender perspective. Mariana Gallardo, part of the PRiME team, highlights the systematic disadvantages rural women face. In this entry, she argues that the inclusion of a gender perspective in policies is essential to achieve sustainable rural development. [Read the full text.](#)

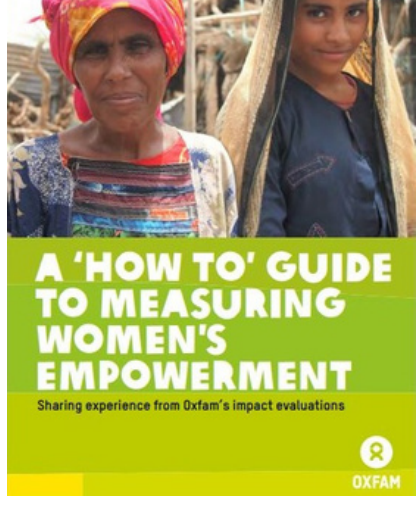


### M&E Resources

Have you asked yourself how you can measure women's empowerment?

On the occasion of the **International Day of Rural Women** (15 October), we recommend the ["A 'how to' guide to measuring women's empowerment"](#), where you will learn about the concept of women's empowerment and how to measure it.

Check this and other references in our [online library](#).



### Events

#### Inclusive Value Chains

It is estimated that around 2 billion people in the world are linked to small-scale agricultural production. These farmers often live in poverty and carry out their activities with traditional farming practices and limited access to markets. In collaboration with CLEAR LAC and IFAD, we held a series of seminars to discuss the state of small producers in Latin America and to learn about the efforts made by FAO, IFAD, as well as the private, civil society and governmental sectors to evaluate and implement programs for the inclusion of small producers in value chains.

Relive the event in the following links and check out the presentations on [our website](#).

[Seminar I: Experiences from international development](#)

[Seminar II: The experience of the inclusive agriculture program](#)



### More news

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