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The UN Decade of Family Farming states that a key element of keeping agriculture viable and sustainable is ensuring new generations of family farmers. This means giving girls equal opportunities to inherit and use family farms. It means giving access to education, especially agricultural education, that allows them to take their rightful place on farms and in the agricultural economy.

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Rural Girls face barriers that keep them from reaching their full potential including lack of access to education, outdated land inheritance laws, lack of decision-making power, unequal access to resources and financing, and lack of access to maternal and reproductive healthcare.

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These are basic, fundamental issues that need to be addressed before girls will have equal participation in their communities. The last statistic is bleak, and may come as a shock. It shows that if we don't invest in the mental and reproductive health of girls, and give them access to education, they may not get to participate in the future we're working so hard to secure for them.

Discussion point: What do these statistics mean to you?

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While much of the responsibility for empowering rural girls to pursue education lies with governments, there are still things we can do in our own communities to address this most fundamental issue that keeps girls from reaching their potential.

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ACWW and the
UN Decade of Family Farming

Girls are the Future

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The Problem:

- 60% of rural people live in poverty, with girls and women over-represented
- Among these, only 39% of rural girls attend secondary school
- The leading causes of death among adolescent girls are suicide and complications relating to pregnancy and childbirth

If we don't address these issues, girls will not be able to thrive as equal and vital members of their communities and the global economy.

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Rural Girls' Education: What can we do?

Invest in younger women: Pass on local traditions and knowledge

Investigate: Are there obvious or hidden discriminatory practices in educational institutions in your area?

Educate yourself: What stops women in other countries from accessing education?

Lobby: Ensure that girls in your community always have access to education

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Rural girls suffer from restricted access when it comes to their participation in agriculture.

Discussion Point: Do women farmers in your area suffer from lack of access to resources and financing?

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An aspect of protecting the futures of rural girls involves protecting their access to healthcare, especially sexual and reproductive healthcare.

Discuss: What legislation and/or cultural barriers still exist which restrict women from having full ownership of their bodies and futures?

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ACWW needs your support to empower young women and girls. Supporting younger women in your community is a vital part of empowering younger women. It is also crucial that older women lobby to secure rights to healthcare for younger women and themselves, so that the next generation of women has control over their future and decisions.

You can also donate to the Women Empowered Fund: Education and Capacity Building to help fund education projects for women around the world.

How will you commit to help?

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RURAL WOMEN IN ACTION 

Rural Girls' Access: What can we do?

Invest in younger women: Help them navigate the unique realities of farming in your area

Investigate: Is there legislation still in place which stops women inheriting family farms?

Educate yourself: Do women farmers in your area suffer from lack of access to resources and financing?

Lobby: Make your local government aware of discriminatory legislation, and be sure to make ACWW aware as well!

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RURAL WOMEN IN ACTION 

Rural Girls' Health: What can we do?

Invest in younger women: Help young women take control of their health and planning of their futures

Investigate: Is there accessible healthcare, especially reproductive healthcare, in your area?

Educate yourself: What legislation and/or cultural barriers still exist which restrict women from having full ownership of their bodies and futures?

Lobby: Identify gaps in healthcare for young rural women, and lobby your local government on their behalf

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RURAL WOMEN IN ACTION 

Advocate: Stand up for the opportunities for and empowerment of rural girls in your community, country, and region

Donate: Help ACWW empower women and girls with education through our Women Empowered Fund: Education & Capacity Building

Report: If you find areas that need improvement, tell your local government. If they aren't doing anything, tell us!



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