International Women’s Day 2019 will be marked on 8 March with the theme: “Think equal, build smart, innovate for change.” Yet for most women working in landscapes around the world, much remains to be done to ensure they have adequate access to critical inputs, including technology.

Here are some facts:

Women make crucial contributions to agriculture and rural businesses in all developing countries

This reduces their productivity and limits their contributions to agricultural production and economic growth

Yet everywhere, women face constraints because of their gender

It also limits their contributions to the well-being of their families, communities and countries

WOMEN’S WORK IS OFTEN VERY LABOR INTENSIVE:

75% MILLION TONS OF CROPS of agricultural production is worked by women

75% OF PRODUCE on their farms is worked by hand

90% OF THAT HARD-WORKING is done by women

10% OF AID for farms, forestry and fishing goes to women

WOMEN GENERALLY EARN LOWER WAGES THAN MEN

For example, in the rural agricultural labor market in Africa, women’s wages are usually half of men’s wages

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Committee on Forest Security

Scaling partners:

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