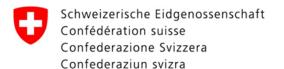
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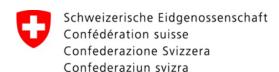




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Division of labour among women and men

- Women: predominance of reproductive labour in women's time budgets:
- it is unrecognized by other family members
- business as secondary occupation
- daughters in law
- Men: men's labour can be monetised and measured - traditional "men's" work is often performed by women and children

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Participation of women and men in economic activities

- <u>Livestock:</u> The production and sale of animal produce is assigned to men, and the production of dairy products - to women
- Vegetable production: mainly potato growing and fodder for livestock; Women: on the land plot near the house, more engaged in harvesting; Men: on rented plots, more engaged in sale of potatoes

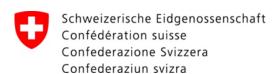


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Participation of women and men in economic activities

- Traditional crafts: no developed value chain:
 Women work with wool (felt) and textiles);
 work that can be "combined with the role of
 mother and wife" not because of additional
 income; Men work with iron, wood, leather
- Hospitality business: Women meet tourists at home, do cleaning and provide food; Men develop tours and act as guides, cooks and loaders





Main challenges

- Lack of business orientation
- Lack of knowledge and skills
- Belittling of women's contribution to the household economy – often not appreciated as labour but as a natural duty
- Increasing negative image of working women among men