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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



Participation of women and men in economic activities

- **Livestock:** 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





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