

ABSTRACT

For past centuries and even seen in present day around the world, women in agriculture play a vital role in food production, food security, food sustainability and household economy which goes unacknowledged. This 'invisibility' which over shadows the roles that women play in agriculture is due to a number of gender issues namely, sexual/gender division of labour, gender equality and gender roles which are all influenced by gender. These agricultural gender issues affecting women in turn creates negative effects on societies worldwide; restricting growth and development. So gender issues like these should not be taken lightly. Therefore, the aim of this study was to investigate Trinidad's current situation with respect to the above mentioned agricultural gender issues affecting women in agriculture, focusing on the women farm owners. Qualitative and quantitative research methods were used to collect information for the study. Primary resources like structured questionnaires, informal interviews and personal observation and secondary resources like books, past case studies and internet sites were all used to gather the data of the study. Since this study only attempted to identify if the said gender issues were still affecting women in agriculture in Trinidad, the results of the case study would be discussed and a conclusion would be made as to whether or not the above hypothesis is true. Depending on Trinidad's position with respect to the said gender issues affecting women in agriculture, only then can we reinforce or put new practices, programmes and projects into place to decrease or eliminate the situation given its negative effects on a society.