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“The empowerment of rural women
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Access to decent work as a pathway to rural women's empowerment

1. Many rural employment forms
2. The market and the non-market strongly interconnected
3. Women's paid employment reduces poverty but does not always lead to emancipation
4. Decent work deficits acute for rural women
5. Need for a mix of integrated and context-

Most important preconditions for achieving decent work for rural women

- › Redistribute and reduce rural women's unpaid work



- › Enhance rural women's capacity to mobilise and act collectively