

Commission on the Status of Women

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Panel discussion: “The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges”

Since 2003, the Brazilian federal government has been making efforts to change this situation. It has begun recognizing women farmers as subjects

The first experience: the creation of groups of women in Agrarian Reform settlements and rural communities, which work in agro-ecological production.

Difficulties:

The reaction of the husbands (disbelief, violence)

Difficulties in obtaining financing and adequate technical assistance.

Achievements:

These groups have consolidated themselves, interact with mixed groups (composed of men and women) and have created networks of producers, in an ecological and social-based economy.

Some groups are now selling their

The second experience: the Food Acquisition Program

The government buys food directly from family farmers (men and women) and from their organizations.

The food purchased is directly donated to social institutions.

This is at work all over the country and reaches around 100 thousand farmers annually.

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The Food Acquisition Program and rural women

The Program allows for marketing products traditionally linked to the feminine sphere, cultivated in areas near their homes or not used for commercial cultivation.

It has absorbed more than 300 different products on a national level with many regional variations, including collected product.0005vtir

