

Training and empowerment of women regarding their role in establishing agriculture and restoration of Lake Urmia

Due to the drying up trend of Lake Urmia and the destruction of its wetlands and also the serious threat to the plant and animal species of the region, the role of local communities in this process is essential. Since women also have an influential role in these communities, so any success in these projects will happen with the cooperation of women in local communities, and in this regard, the need to empower rural women seems very necessary.

Women's empowerment is one of the goals of development from a human and justice-oriented perspective. In fact, it means increasing cognition and self-awareness, reliability and expanding women's freedom of choice by themselves.

In all societies, rural women are considered as an important factor in achieving the goals of rural and regional development and half of the manpower is needed for rural development. Involving rural women in development requires appropriate strategies to empower and strengthen their self-confidence.

Following the drought and water shortage of Lake Urmia for various reasons, has had effects on the region:

Destruction of agricultural lands

Creating health hazards for people on the riversides.

Weakening and destroying the lake tourism industry by reducing the number of passengers.

The following goals are expected to be achieved by the end of the project:

- Reducing and changing the pattern of water consumption in order to restoration of Lake Urmia
- Using empowerment of rural women in order to create jobs
- Training in new agricultural methods