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ABSTRACT

Poultry rearing has been practiced for many years in developing countries. The purpose of the study was to identify the role of rural women in homestead and family life and revealing the level of empowerment through poultry farming especially chicken. Women play an important role in domestic duties such as washing utensils, cleaning house compounds, poultry management and feeding and decision making.

Multistage sampling is used for this study and by which 20 rural farm women were included for this study which fulfilled some conditions. Questionnaires were prepared for easy collection of essential information. The research was done over 10 days. The study showed the effects of poultry rearing on the life of rural women and the way it has contributed to her empowerment and food security at household level. It was observed that poultry rearing at household level has not much enhanced the overall household income yet plays role in contributing to sustain household economy.

Besides being healthy and nutritious source of food, it somehow contributes in securing dietary needs especially of the young ones. It has made the women self-employed, more confident, socially empowered and more valued not only in their families but also in their community.

Therefore, the present study was undertaken to know the limit of involvement of rural women and other family members in the decision making in relation to feeding, management, health care management.

From the data in the study, it was observed that mostly housewives (75%) contribute in poultry who are belongs to 20-30age (50%) and muslim family (60%). Most of them were primarily educated (35%) and having <1 acre land (45%), mostly lived in mixed type of houses (40%) with a family having less than 5 (65%) family member.

From the data in the study, it was observed that the overall contributions of women are greater than men in poultry sector on the study area and mostly participated in decision making, regarding health care management (43.75%) and feeding (37.5%).

**Key words:** Rural women, Poultry, House wives, Participation, Food security, Employment

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