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CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S DAY

On this International Rural Women's Day, SWT proudly recognize and celebrate the impactful stories, their resilience and contributions play by indigenous women and girls, a vital role in driving agricultural progress and sustainable livelihoods fostering rural development. Their tireless efforts enhance food security and combat poverty, playing a critical part in both their households and communities.

With this year's theme, "Rural Women Cultivating Food for All," we honor not only indigenous women working in livestock production and agriculture production but also celebrating all indigenous women who prioritize raising families, animals, and their communities, often putting themselves last in the challenging conditions of rural life. Whether on the land or not, these women shape their surroundings through resilience and dedication to sustainable livelihoods.

Indigenous women are key players in transforming agriculture and food security systems in their communities. They engage in food production, preservation of rich traditions knowledge, educators within the community, restoration of land and resource management, and building climate resilience, despite facing numerous challenges.

These include higher poverty levels, limited access to education, healthcare, social services, and employment opportunities, as well as gender inequality driven by patriarchal norms and discriminatory practices. Less than one-third of them own land, and they often struggle to access quality training, seeds, and markets.

Today, we honor indigenous women resilience, celebrate their immense contributions, and their courage to amplify their experiences and journeys in all levels as well as recognizing their unbreakable and irreplaceable spirit

Thank you to millions of indigenous women and girls for standing tall and pushing their recognition in every platform, our partners thank you for believing in **INVESTING IN INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS** among indigenous communities. Today we celebrate you and a big THANK YOU!

Yours Sincerely,

Jane Meriwas,
Executive Director - SWT/IWC Convenor

