

A Framework For Measuring Socio Economic Conditions Of Women Labourers In Agriculture – A Special Reference To The Tirunelveli District

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ABSTRACT

When discussing agricultural labour, women labourer has a special significance. Women are a vital part of the Indian economy. Over the years, there is a gradual realization of the key role of women in agricultural development and their vital contribution to the field of agriculture. Traditionally, women have always played an important role in agriculture - as farmers, co-farmers, family labourers, wage labourers and managers of farms. Women have been putting in the labour not only in terms of physical output but also in terms of quality and efficiency. Women play a significant and crucial role in agricultural operations including different crop production activities, post-harvest activities etc. Rural agrarian women have the primary responsibility of running the household, collecting fuel, fodder, and water, care for children and other family members. Women are also used as unskilled labourers. They are devoting many hours in the field but their work is not given due credit. The role of women in agricultural operations is generally under-estimated and under-valued. The economy as a whole and agricultural production are both impacted by the poor socio-economic conditions of women labourers in agriculture. A standard framework and scales are needed to measure their socio-economic conditions. The present study attempts to create a framework for women labourers in agriculture.

Keywords: Agriculture, Women labourer in Agriculture, Scale Development, Framework for socio-economic conditions.

1. INTRODUCTION

The socio economic conditions of the Indian women agricultural labourers is a complex issue. There are many factors that contribute to the socio economic conditions of Indian women agricultural labourers such as the caste system, gender inequality, and the economic conditions of the country. The caste system is a social hierarchy that has been in place for centuries in India. Gender inequality is another factor that has contributed to the socio economic conditions of Indian women agricultural labourers. Women in India have traditionally been seen as inferior to men and have not had the same access to education, employment, and economic opportunities. The economic conditions of the country have also contributed to the socio economic conditions of the Indian women agricultural labourers. This has made it difficult for Indian women agricultural labourers to improve their socio economic conditions.

There are many reasons why a framework for women labourers in agriculture is needed in Indian socioeconomic conditions. One reason is that women make up a large proportion of the agricultural workforce in India. According to the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), women make up 43 percent of the agricultural workforce in India. This is a significant portion of the workforce, and it is important to ensure that these women have the same rights and protections as other workers.

Another reason is that women often face discrimination and exploitation in the workplace. This can lead to them being paid less than their male counterparts, and it can also make it more difficult for them to find work in the first place. Women may not have the same access to resources and support as men, which can make it more difficult for them to succeed in agriculture.

A framework for women labourers in agriculture in order to help address these issues and to ensure that women have the same rights and protections as other workers. Such a framework would help to ensure that women are paid fairly, that they have access to resources and support, and that they are treated equally in the workplace.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To Develop the Scale on Agricultural Labours in Societal Indicator
- To Develop the Scale on Sources of Income for Agricultural Labour
- To Develop the Scale on Burdens in Fiscal and Employability Paradigms
- To Develop the Scale on Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labours
- To Develop the Scale on Livestock Maintenance

3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

(Kumar et al., 2009)indicated that tsunamis devastated households, permanent crops, agricultural resources like seeds, feed and tools, livestock and poultry, their sheds, fish ponds, etc., on the elementary security of the livelihoods of citizens in Andaman. Rehabilitation measures taken by the government and NGOs enhanced their livelihoods, considerably

vitalizing agriculture in the following years and developing employment openings in the different regions of agriculture and non-agricultural actions.

(ShaheenAkter, 2010)showed that five security areas selected, like economics, food, health, education or edification and empowerment, and indices were calculated based on a number of components. Studies have shown that economic security is the dominant component of the general livelihood, followed by food. Regardless of regional differences in opportunities, people in settlements look equally insecure.

(Lindenberg, 2018)concluded that the study seriously considers Jimmy Carter's idea of progress in the new millennium. Household livelihood approaches will help us directly focus on the needs and basic rights of a growing number of people who will live in absolute poverty in the coming decades.

(Dhanasree. K, 47-50)showed that a holistic approach is desirable for the success of tribal development and for a model of sustainable livelihoods, and a solid resource base is a necessary condition. It is most desirable to extend sustainable socioeconomic status, empower women, improve health care, programs aimed at improving nutrition, and provide transportation and communication for tribal households.

(YishakGecho, 2014)indicates that the polynomial logit model is used to study the factors influencing the choice of household livelihoods. In this regard, a total of 19 explanatory variables were included in the empirical model, of which 11 variables, such as gender, education, farm size, livestock ownership, participation in social leadership, annual cash income, fertilizer use, improved seed utilization, age and training, defined farmer's livelihood strategies.

Due to their duties related to running the home, raising children, and earning a living, women suffer from multiple time-related burdens. They require the proper support services, such as crèches and child care facilities, because they spend their entire workday in fields and forests. To enable SHGs and other women's groups to engage in community projects that support the fulfillment of crucial gender-specific needs, a Gram PanchayatMahila Fund should be established. Regarding gender-sensitive farm and credit policies, the feminization of agriculture as a result of male outmigration requires special attention. All agricultural research, development, extension, and service programmes must be encouraged.(Chittedi, November 2010).

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

4.1 Study Area Profile

The district of Tirunelveli is primarily an agricultural district. Kar (from June to September during the south-west monsoon) and Pishanam are the two primary seasons in the district (From November to February during north-east monsoon). From Taluk to Taluk, the district's cropping pattern varies. The largest area under cultivation, however, is for paddy, followed by pulses. Paddy cultivation, which takes up the majority of the gross cropped area, is essentially wetland cultivation. Wherever water is present, including in dry areas, farmers

still sow paddy crops. Diversified crop patterns exist in rainfed or dry land cultivation areas, and no one crop accounts for a significant portion of the gross cropped area. Millets and pulses are primarily grown in these regions, which is a feature of their agriculture.

Maize, pulses, groundnuts, gingelly, and cotton are among the additional crops grown in the region. The type of crops grown in a region depends on a variety of factors, including the type of soil, the climate, irrigation resources, etc. The majority of the rainfed areas are either millets or pulses grown during the North East Monsoon

4.2 Sample Design

The study is mainly based on primary data. Respondents were selected on a random basis. In order to increase the study's significance and accuracy, the data from the survey were supplemented with information from published, unpublished, and indirect oral investigation that was found to be relevant.

The project is descriptive in nature. Non probability sampling survey is selected for this study 60 samples collected from Tirunelveli district were used for this study. The primary data was collected through interview schedule with the aid of structured questionnaire prepared with respect to the objective of the project. The researcher met the respondents directly and collected data through direct interview method. The researcher used factor analysis.

5. SCALE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION

Scale development process employed in this research and describes the construct definition, item generation, measure purification, reliability and validity assessment, development of a shorter version of the tool. The major objective of this paper is to detail the major steps involved in formulating the product brand personality framework in the Indian context.

5.1 Defining the Construct

Agricultural labourers has been defined in a number of ways by different researchers. However, a definition put forward by (Vijayanthi, 2017) is opted for this study as it is considered to be a socio-economic conditions of agricultural labourers, (Yuvaraja, 2019) definition of agricultural labourers issues relating to the income, savings, housing, basic amenities, daftness, Debt, banking literacy, by many researchers like (Pandi et al., 2019) given the details of women make up half of the world's population, economic security is the dominant component of the general livelihood, followed by food (Shaheen Akter, 2010) and so on.

5.2 Content Validity

Content validity refers to item sample adequacy. That is, the extent to which a specific set of items reflects a content domain (Pandi et al., 2019) entails two steps to ensure content validity, of which the first is concerned with item selection and the second with stimuli selection. Firstly, a broad and representative set of items are to be pooled, which can be used

to measure women agricultural labour. Next, socio economic condition about the agriculture shall be examined using an empirical study. (ShaheenAkter, 2010) argue that if the construct definition, women agricultural labourers in Tirunelveli District are done in a well-defined manner, then the content validity of the scale can be established before its construction.

5.3 Stimuli Selection

It is essential to select a wide-ranging and representative set of stimuli in order to ensure content validity. The selection of brands for the study was guided by the following principle. Stimuli that were salient and well known at the national level were considered for the study, since the study was to be conducted among a pan-Indian sample. This ensured that the selected stimuli are more relevant in the national context and the respondents will be familiar with each brand. Stimuli were selected randomly to get a better representation as well as to avoid bias in the selection process.

5.4 Item Generation

There are mainly three areas which (ShaheenAkter, 2010) suggests to be considered while generating the item pool. Firstly, the selection of the item should be based on existing literature or theory. This was done to make sure that the framework used to select the items was theoretical. Secondly, meaningfulness and familiarity of the items considered for the study. Third, the importance of each item with respect to the construct under consideration, to be examined in order to establish external validity of the measurement tool. Hence, to achieve the above mentioned objectives, a three phase procedure was adopted in this research.

Phase 1: Generation of Items based on literature survey

Phase 2: Language expert opinion survey

Phase 3: Free elicitation study

5.4.1 List of Adjectives

Table 1

List of Problem Related Adjectives

S.no	Adjectives	S.no	Adjectives
1	Current residence	51	Fair prices
2	Toilet facilities	52	Monsoon failure
3	Drainage facilities	53	Burdens affect
4	Drinking water	54	Unemployment
5	Domestic usage of water	55	Income are important
6	Groceries	56	No difference in working hours
7	Vegetables	57	Low wages
8	Ration shop	58	Employment opportunities
9	Products available in ration shop	59	Generating employment prospects
10	Post office	60	Organized labour union

S.no	Adjectives	S.no	Adjectives
11	Banks	61	Opportunities of local employment
12	Hospitals	62	Migrate in search of employment
13	LPG	63	Alternative sources of employment
14	Schools and colleges	64	Inadequate income
15	Transport facilities	65	Household needs
16	Ploughing activities	66	Price
17	Applying herbicides	67	Supply of commodities
18	Levelling the soil	68	Fair price shop
19	Sowing and raising nursery	69	Government schemes
20	Direct sowing	70	Repaying household debts
21	Transplantation	71	Reduces household savings
22	Manure and fertilizers	72	NREGAS are insufficient
23	Irrigation	73	Entrepreneurial training
24	Weeding	74	Migration for livelihood
25	Gap filling	75	Revenue generation
26	Construction of bunds	76	Debts and loans
27	Applying pesticides	77	Gradual decrease in savings
28	Cutting the crops	78	Livestock and poultry
29	Picking the crops	79	Stipend
30	Threshing	80	Training and development
31	Winnowing	81	Wages
32	Sun drying	82	SHGs
33	Horticulture	83	T&D
34	Animal husbandry	84	Reduce debts
35	Poultry farming	85	Interest free loans
36	Bee keeping	86	Guarantee for employment
37	Sericulture	87	Wage rates
38	Fisheries	88	Off – seasonal deficit
39	Forests and estates	89	Hours are convenient
40	Petty (kirana) business	90	Credited periodically
41	NREGA scheme	91	Very simple and easy bank procedure
42	Casual work	92	Water reservoirs
43	Industrial work	93	Roads are properly maintained
44	Working as a house maid	94	Expected income from livestock
45	Entrepreneurial activities	95	Selling price
46	Low wages	96	Availability of fodder
47	Income through livestock	97	Pricing of fodder

S.no	Adjectives	S.no	Adjectives
48	Cost of living	98	Veterinary services
49	High interest rates	99	Veterinary hospital services
50	Minimal or low yields	100	Maintaining livestock

Table 1 shows that the list of adjectives related to the research problem.

5.5. Language Expert Opinion Survey

Since, the list of items derived from literature review were based on different Districts. A group of three English language teaching experts scrutinized the appropriateness of the items in the Indian context. They were instructed to give alternative words, if existed, which will give a similar meaning in the Indian context. Based on their opinion, the scale items were modified and the items for which there were no appropriate Indian words were removed from the item pool. The main objective of this step was to make the items more relevant in the Indian context.

5.6. Expert Opinion Survey

With the intention to further reduce the personality inventory to an Agricultural manageable level, an expert opinion survey was conducted. Experts will have a better understanding of the concept and hence they will be in a position to rate the items more appropriately than the ordinary consumers; a small sample of experts can be as reliable as a large sample of consumer respondents. Owing to the huge response time required for this study, relying on a large sample of consumers will be inappropriate and impractical. This large questionnaire can lead to respondent fatigue and bias.

5.7. Consumer Survey

In this phase, items from the Expert opinion survey were further reduced based on a consumer survey. The respondents were required to rate the personality traits on a 5-point Likert scale (where (1= Absolutely Inappropriate, 2= Inappropriate, 3= Neutral, 4= Appropriate, 5= Absolutely Appropriate), (1= Very Low, 2= Low, 3= Moderate, 4= High, 5= Very High), (1= Totally Unacceptable, 2= Unacceptable, 3= Neutral, 4= Acceptable, 5= Perfectly Acceptable), (1= Very Undesirable, 2= Undesirable, 3= Neutral, 4= Desirable, 5= Very Desirable). They were requested to rate the appropriateness of each personality trait in describing the brand they opted.

6. MEASURE PURIFICATION: EXPLORATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS

A total of 60 respondents rated a total of 100 Women Agricultural Labour traits. Since the objective of this research is to Socio Economic Condition factor of the Agriculture, which can be used to profile of the respondents, it is necessary to analyse the inter correlation of personality traits. The correlation matrix was subjected to Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA) with principal components method. A varimax rotation was employed during the procedure with the objective of identifying appropriate factors, rather than ending up with a single large affective.

6.1. Scale Reliability

The next objective was to check the reliability of the scale or to evaluate the extent to which the scale is free from errors and would show consistency in the results (Peter, 1981). Reliability can be measured mainly in two ways namely, Cronbach's alpha and Test re-test correlations.

Cronbach's alpha: It is a measure of the reliability of a questionnaire or test. It is the internal consistency of a test, which is the degree to which the items on a test measure the same construct.

Test re-test reliability: A vital step to prove a scale to be reliable is to prove it is stable over time. For this a survey was conducted among the respondents chosen from those who participated in the first measurement purification phase. This was conducted one month after their first response was collected. The data was collected from 15 respondents. Although the reliabilities were calculated only for the items selected to be included in the final structure, all the items which were included in the questionnaire for first phase item purification.

7. AGRICULTURAL LABOUR SOCIETAL INDICATOR

The process of EFA resulted in an Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator factor structure which explained around 75.808% of the variance. The EFA results are tabulated in Table 2.

Table 2

Exploratory Factor Analysis with respect to Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator

<i>Factor</i>	<i>Variables</i>	<i>Percentage of Variance</i>	<i>Cumulative Percentage of Variance</i>
F1	Current residence, Toilet facilities, Drainage facilities, Drinking water	27.149	27.149
F2	Ration shop, Products available in ration shop	20.033	47.182
F3	Domestic usage of water, Groceries, Vegetables	19.702	66.885
F4	Post office, Banks, Hospitals	8.924	75.808

Cronbach's alpha:

The result of Cronbach's alpha of Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator has been tabulated in Table 3.

Table 3

Reliability Statistics with respect to Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator

<i>Cronbach's Alpha</i>	<i>Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items</i>	<i>N of Items</i>
.870	.863	15

Test re-test reliability:

The test re-test results of Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator has been tabulated in Table 4.

Table 4**Test re-test correlation values with respect to Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator**

	Intra-class Correlation	95% Confidence Interval		F Test with True Value 0			
		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Value	df1	df2	Sig
Single Measures	.253	.177	.354	7.664	59	826	.000
Average Measures	.835	.763	.891	7.664	59	826	.000

8. SOURCES OF INCOME FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOUR

The process of EFA resulted in a Sources of Income for Agricultural Labour factor structure which explained around 94.992 % of the variance. The EFA results are tabulated in Table 5.

Table 5**Exploratory Factor Analysis with respect to Sources of Income**

Factor	Variables	Percentage of Variance	Cumulative Percentage of Variance
F1	Ploughing activities, Applying herbicides, Levelling the soil, Sowing and raising nursery, Direct sowing, Transplantation, Manure and fertilizers, Irrigation	18.602	18.602
F2	Weeding, Gap filling, Construction of bunds, Applying pesticides, Cutting the crops	17.640	36.242
F3	Picking the crops, Sun drying, Winnowing	13.854	50.096
F4	Horticulture, Horticulture, Poultry farming, Bee keeping	13.613	63.709
F5	Bee keeping, Sericulture, Fisheries	13.366	77.075
F6	Petty (kirana) business, NREGA scheme	11.288	88.364
F7	Industrial work, Entrepreneurial activities	6.628	94.992

Cronbach's alpha:

The result of Cronbach's alpha of Sources of Income has been tabulated in Table 6.

Table 6**Reliability Statistics with respect to the Sources of Income**

<i>Cronbach's Alpha</i>	<i>Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items</i>	<i>N of Items</i>
.957	.955	30

Test re-test reliability:

The test re-test results of Sources of Income has been tabulated in Table 7.

Table 7**Test re-test correlation values with respect to the Sources of Income**

	<i>Intra-class Correlation</i>	<i>95% Confidence Interval</i>		<i>F Test with True Value 0</i>			
		<i>Lower Bound</i>	<i>Upper Bound</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>df1</i>	<i>df2</i>	<i>Sig</i>
<i>Single Measures</i>	.416	.332	.519	23.122	59	1711	.000
<i>Average Measures</i>	.955	.937	.970	23.122	59	1711	.000

9. BURDENS IN FISCAL AND EMPLOYABILITY PARADIGMS

The process of EFA resulted in a Burdens in Fiscal and Employability Paradigms factor structure which explained around 92.148 % of the variance. The EFA results are tabulated in Table 8.

Table 8**Exploratory Factor Analysis with respect to Burdens in Fiscal and Employability Paradigms**

<i>Factor</i>	<i>Variables</i>	<i>Percentage of Variance</i>	<i>Cumulative Percentage of Variance</i>
F1	Low wages, Income through livestock, Cost of living, High interest rates, Minimal or low yields, Fair prices, Monsoon failure, Burdens affect, Unemployment, Low wages	20.280	20.280

F2	Income are important, No difference in working hours, Employment opportunities, Generating employment prospects, Organized labour union	16.328	36.607
F3	Opportunities of local employment, Migrate in search of employment, Inadequate income, Household needs	15.692	52.299
F4	Alternative sources of employment, Supply of commodities, Entrepreneurial training	13.555	65.854
F5	Fair price shop, Government schemes, Repaying household debts, NREGAS are insufficient	11.658	77.512
F6	Migration for livelihood, Price	7.361	84.874
F7	Gradual decrease in savings	7.274	92.148

Cronbach's alpha:

The result of Cronbach's alpha of Burdens in Fiscal and Employability Paradigms has been tabulated in Table 9.

Table 9**Reliability Statistics with respect to Burdens in Fiscal and Employability Paradigms**

<i>Cronbach's Alpha</i>	<i>Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items</i>	<i>N of Items</i>
.937	.945	34

Test re-test reliability:

The test re-test results of Burdens in Fiscal and Employability has been tabulated in Table 10.

Table 10**Test re-test correlation values with respect to Burdens in Fiscal and Employability**

	<i>Intra-class Correlation</i>	<i>95% Confidence Interval</i>		<i>F Test with True Value 0</i>			
		<i>Lower Bound</i>	<i>Upper Bound</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>df1</i>	<i>df2</i>	<i>Sig</i>
<i>Single Measures</i>	.282 ^a	.212	.377	18.256	59	1947	.000
<i>Average Measures</i>	.930	.901	.954	18.256	59	1947	.000

10. MEASURES FOR SUSTAINING AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AMONG WOMEN LABOURERS

The process of EFA resulted in a Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labourers factor structure which explained around 89.414% of the variance. The EFA results are tabulated in Table 11.

Table 11

Exploratory Factor Analysis with respect to Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labourers

<i>Factor</i>	<i>Variables</i>	<i>Percentage of Variance</i>	<i>Cumulative Percentage of Variance</i>
F1	Stipend, Training and development, Wages, SHGs, T&D, Reduce debts, Interest free loans, Wage rates	29.795	29.795
F2	Guarantee for employment, Off – seasonal deficit, Hours are convenient	21.279	51.074
F3	Credited periodically, Very simple and easy bank procedure	14.243	65.317
F4	Water reservoirs	12.091	77.407
F5	Roads are properly maintained	12.007	89.414

Cronbach's alpha:

The result of Cronbach's alpha of Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labourers has been tabulated in Table 12.

Table 12

Reliability Statistics with respect to Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labourers

<i>Cronbach's Alpha</i>	<i>Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items</i>	<i>N of Items</i>
.910	.927	17

Test re-test reliability:

The test re-test results of Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labourers has been tabulated in Table 13.

Table 13

Test re-test correlation values with respect to Measures for Sustaining Agricultural Practices among Women Labourers

	Intra-class Correlation	95% Confidence Interval		F Test with True Value 0			
		Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Value	df1	df2	Sig
Single Measures	.414	.326	.521	13.747	59	944	.000
Average Measures	.923	.891	.949	13.747	59	944	.000

11. LIVESTOCK MAINTENANCE

The process of EFA resulted in a Livestock Maintenance factor structure which explained around 62.353 % of the variance. The EFA results are tabulated in Table 14.

Table 14

Exploratory Factor Analysis with respect to Livestock Maintenance

Factor	Variables	Percentage of Variance	Cumulative Percentage of Variance
F1	Selling price, Availability of fodder, Pricing of fodder	31.784	31.784
F2	Veterinary hospital services	30.569	62.353

Cronbach's alpha:

The result of Cronbach's alpha of Measures for Livestock Maintenance has been tabulated in Table 15.

Table 15

Reliability Statistics with respect to Livestock Maintenance

Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
.818	.823	8

Test re-test reliability:

The test re-test results of Measures for Livestock Maintenance has been tabulated in Table 16.

Table 16***Test re-test correlation values with respect to Livestock Maintenance***

	<i>Intra-class Correlation</i>	<i>95% Confidence Interval</i>		<i>F Test with True Value 0</i>			
		<i>Lower Bound</i>	<i>Upper Bound</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>df1</i>	<i>df2</i>	<i>Sig</i>
<i>Single Measures</i>	.355	.257	.473	5.663	59	413	.000
<i>Average Measures</i>	.815	.735	.878	5.663	59	413	.000

The researcher has attempted to know that Women Agricultural labourers, in a systematic way and has to give some suggestion for the betterment of its performance.

The primary data were collected with the help of a questionnaire. The size of sample was 60 respondents. Secondary data were collected from books and journals for theoretical part.

12. FINDING OF THE STUDY

The process of EFA resulted in an Agricultural Labour Societal Indicator factor structure which explained around 75.808% of the variance. The EFA results are presented in the form of a table below.

The next objective was to check the reliability of the scale or to evaluate the extent to which the scale is free from errors and would show consistency in the results (Peter, 1981). Reliability can be measured mainly in two ways namely, Cronbach's alpha .836 and Test re-test correlations Value of Significance.

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13. CONCLUSION

The agricultural sector is classified into three main categories, namely cultivators, agricultural labourers and workers engaged in forestry, fishing, livestock, etc. So that the researcher has given the framework based on this sector. From the study, the women agricultural labourers were mostly affected by the sources of income for agricultural labourers and it was highly influenced. The agricultural labourers' societal indicator factor has a very low level of influence.

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