



Committee for
the promotion
and advancement
of cooperatives

Cooperatives, Women, and Gender Equality

**Choose cooperatives, choose equality:
Paths to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**

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Phase I: Research Findings

- Cooperatives have an increasingly positive impact on women and their inclusion in the labour force and formal economy.
- Cooperatives can enhance their ability to empower women by collaborating with civil society and gaining government recognition
- Cooperatives can continue to develop policies that support women from within.

Contributions to Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

1. Economic empowerment
2. Improved work conditions
3. Social empowerment

132%
increase

In women's
participation in
agricultural
cooperatives in
Uganda

49%

Of worker
cooperatives
members in Spain
are women

95%

Of Japanese
consumer
cooperative
members are
women

The women's
leadership on
financial
cooperative boards
in Tanzania is

65%

Gender equality within Paraguay's Manduvira Sugarcane Cooperative

- Women succeeding in leadership positions
- Women increasing production levels
- Women as early adopters of new technologies
- Diversity of perspectives = strength



Thank you for your participation!