



CALL FOR BLOGS & GOOD PRACTICES ON WOMEN IN FARM MECHANISATION IN INDIA

What would farm mechanisation look like if women's needs, experiences, and leadership were at the centre of its design?

Women play a significant role in India's agricultural workforce, yet farm machinery, extension services, and mechanisation programmes have not always adequately addressed their needs. Understanding what works—and what needs to change—is essential for building a more inclusive and gender-responsive agricultural systems.

Farm mechanisation for women is a priority research area for the Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP) and it is also an important topic for the Agricultural Extension in South Asia (AESA) Network which it hosts. Though the AESA platform, we would like to promote field experiences and promising practices on farm mechanisation for women and reflect on the policies and systems shaping women's engagement with farm mechanisation in India.

This call is therefore aimed at practitioners, researchers, and programme staff who can document and share their perspectives and experiences as blogs and good practices on this topic for publication in the AESA platform.

WHO SHOULD CONTRIBUTE?

We welcome contributions from:

- ✓ Extension professionals and field-level practitioners
- ✓ Agricultural machinery and technology designers
- ✓ NGO and SHG programme staff
- ✓ Custom Hiring Centre (CHC) operators and managers
- ✓ Researchers and academics
- ✓ Policymakers and government programme staff

**Deadline:
November 15, 2026**



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What Are We Looking For?

We invite two types of submissions:

1. Good Practices Notes

For contributors with a specific intervention, programme, model, or field experience to document. Potential topics include:

- Women-friendly machinery: Ergonomically designed or adapted machinery that addresses women's needs and working conditions.
- Inclusive custom hiring models: SHG- or CHC-based machinery hiring models that improve women's access to agricultural equipment.
- Training and skilling: Programmes that enable women to operate and manage machinery across different agricultural activities.
- Mechanisation schemes: Experiences implementing schemes such as SMAM, Namo Drone Didi, and relevant state-level programmes, including Odisha's subsidy initiatives and Kerala's CHC-based approaches.
- Women as entrepreneurs: Women-led machinery enterprises, equipment rental services, and agricultural mechanisation service providers.
- Institutional innovations: Partnerships and approaches that strengthen women's access to machinery, finance, training, and technical support.

We are particularly interested in contributions that explain what was done, how it worked, what challenges emerged, and what others can learn from the experience.

2. Blogs

For contributors who wish to share perspectives on the policy, institutional, and systemic dimensions of women's agricultural mechanisation.

Possible themes include:

- Why do gender-responsive mechanisation policies remain limited?
- What would it take to make machinery ownership, access, and control by women more common?
- How can agricultural extension systems better support women's mechanisation needs?
- What can India learn from mechanisation approaches in other countries?
- What institutional and financial barriers prevent women from becoming machinery entrepreneurs or service providers?
- How can mechanisation programmes move beyond women's participation as labourers towards greater agency, leadership, and enterprise development?

We welcome evidence-informed perspectives, critical reflections, and lessons from both successful and challenging experiences.

How to Submit

For Good Practices Notes:

- Follow the AESA Good Practices Guidelines, (<https://aesanetwork.org/good-practices-submission-guidelines/>) and Template (<https://aesanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/AESA-Template-for-Writing-a-Good-Extension-Practices-Note.pdf>).
- Also see the [AESA Good Practice Note 70](#) published earlier on this theme.

For Blogs:

- Follow the AESA Blog Guidelines (<https://aesanetwork.org/blogs-submission-guidelines/>)
- Also see the [AESA Blog 253](#) published earlier on this theme.

Submission Requirements:

- Submission should be Original and not published elsewhere.
- Contribution limit: Each contributor may submit a maximum of two contributions (Good Practices Notes and/or Blogs).
- Email your submission as a Word document to **crispindia@gmail.com** or **aesanetwork@gmail.com**.
- Attach photographs, charts, or other relevant visual materials as separate files.
- Include a casual photograph of yourself and a short professional bio.

Recognition for Selected Contributions

Selected contributors will receive:

- A publication certificate from AESA.
- Publication on the AESA website.

Selected Good Practices Notes and Blogs will contribute to wider discussions on inclusive agricultural mechanisation and the future of agricultural extension in India.

**Share Your Experience,
Strengthen the Evidence and
Shape the Conversation.**

We look forward to hearing from you!