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“Analysing Gaps in Implementing Gender Equality within Food Security and Nutrition Development Programs. An Example from Bangladesh.”



The thesis is concentrated on gender implementation within the area of food security and nutrition programming. More specifically, it is based on the personal experience of interning in an international NGO, Helen Keller International, and working with them in the evaluation of a food security program, Nobo Jibon¹, a five-year integrated food security program to reduce food insecurity and vulnerability of 1 million people in Bangladesh. How well was gender equality understood in the program among its staff? To what extent was it advocated for within program activities? How can NGOs do better at implementing gender equality in upcoming food security and nutrition initiatives in Bangladesh?



Insieme, per un mondo possibile.



The first chapter, explores the main political, socio-economic, and religious factors that contributed to the situation of gender-based discriminating practices that contribute to under nutrition and food insecurity in the country. The second chapter looks at a case study, the Nobo Jibon program. Specifically, how gender was advocated within the program. Finally, the third chapter deals with the evaluation of the Nobo Jibon program. It is highlighted how gender was not effectively integrated and how, in future programming, NGOs can try to improve our efforts.

¹ Bengali name meaning “New Life”.