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ABSTRACT

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This paper presents evidence from a study of intra and inters household gender dynamics in sustainable management of livestock and pastureland management in Ghelling and Kagbeni communities in the Upper Mustang region of Nepal. The findings suggest that women's participation in managing livestock is greater than men's. Their decision-making power in intra and inter household level regarding livestock trade, investment, livestock technology adoption and marketing are limited. Women have access but they do not have control over these resources. Therefore, the failure to address gender inequalities in current livestock programs/projects is one of the main factors perpetuating poverty in the region.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACAP	Annapurna Conservation Area project
DFID	Department Fund for International Development
DLSO	District Livestock Service Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GAD	Gender and Development
HLFFDP	Hill's Leasehold Forestry and Forage Development Project
LPP	Livestock Production Programme
LTIP	Livestock Technology Change, Livelihood Impacts and Policy Lessons
NAPDP	Northern Area's Pastureland Development Programme
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
SSQ	Semi-Structure questionnaire
UMBCP	Upper Mustang Biodiversity Conservation Project
VDC	Village Development Committee
WID	Women in Development
WAD	Women and Development
WED	Environment and Development