

# The Role Of Cooperatives In Achieving The Sustainable

Cooperatives are expected to execute those cooperatives principles, values and ethics because cooperatives are considered as a democratic organization and there is no artificial discrimination of members like gender within the cooperatives based on this theoretical perspective this research is published. The research pinpoint all the independent variables to measure Gender and the participation of both men and women in cooperatives and to identify gender gap if their is. The research emphasis on the socio-economic and decision making patterns of cooperatives in promoting gender equality. In addition to this it describes the gender mainstreaming practice and gender gap in cooperatives, finally it shows those factors that affect gender equality in cooperatives since cooperatives are democratic organization and they provide recommendations for the betterment of cooperatives in gender equality.

Replete with case studies, *Waking the Asian Pacific Cooperative Potential* applies a novel theoretical framework to aid in understanding meaningful change in cooperative firms, mutual firms, collectives, and communes, focusing in particular on the underexamined Asia Pacific region. It explores the common, albeit competing, objectives of transformational cooperatives that deliver a range of social benefits and corporate coops where the cooperative exhibits the characteristics of a competitive investor firm. The book provides examples of successful cooperatives in eleven countries across the Asia Pacific and reviews the theoretical framework of cooperatives, including issues pertaining to socio-economic, politico-legal, and domestic and international factors. *Waking the Asian Pacific Co-operative Potential*

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provides early-career researchers and graduate students with a systematic resource of cooperatives in the Asia Pacific, highlighting core lessons from case studies regarding the ideal role of cooperatives in a modern economy and on the enabling factors of the role of the state, the market potential for scale-up, the mitigation of poverty, and civil society.

Provides numerous case studies drawn from successful co-operative organizations across the Asia Pacific region

Advances a theoretical framework to help readers access and understand the reasons for co-operative success in the Asia Pacific region

Develops tools for practitioners to establish effective co-operatives and restructure them to optimal goals

The study investigates the role of co-operatives in smallholder dairy production and marketing in Swaziland. The study was undertaken to determine the effectiveness of cooperatives in improving production and marketing as well as in

minimisation of transaction costs. Expectations were that co-operative members perform better than independent farmers in terms of production and productivity, have larger herd sizes, generate a higher income, and also incur lower transaction costs indicated by a higher quantity of milk sold.

Results of the survey indicate that co-operatives play a positive role in production and marketing activities of smallholder dairy farmers, although certain developments such as provision of support programmes need to take place in order for them to make a more significant contribution. Co-operative members produce and sell higher quantities of milk (19.3% higher and 24.5% higher respectively), which is mainly attributed to provision of technical inputs. Co-operatives also provide farmers with a reliable market, although price paid is lower (35% lower) compared to that of independent farmers in the same areas. Low income is compensated by the fact that co-operative members incur lower transaction costs indicated by the lower transportation

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costs per unit of output, adequate access to market information through frequent visits of extension officers and regular training, as well as a lower percentage of losses incurred compared to independent farmers. Results of the study confirm the hypothesis that co-operative members perform better and incur lower transaction costs than independent farmers. Results of the regression model indicate that distance, access to market information, milk output and co-operative participation significantly influence the quantity of marketable milk, and hence contribute to lower transaction costs incurred. The results show that co-operative farmers incur lower transaction costs although they sell their milk at a lower price. Nevertheless, the fixed price effect renders co-operative farmers not susceptible to price fluctuation risks that independent farmers are faced with because of their volatile prices. The study suggests that there is a need for support programmes that will help motivate individual farmers and strengthen co-operatives, as their contribution to smallholder production and marketing is still marginal. Support programmes include provision of a supportive policy environment, infrastructure development, access to financial and credit facilities and improvement of training and extension to provide more extensive dynamic opportunities to farmers. In terms of further research, the study recommends that a similar study be undertaken in other areas of Swaziland so that the study is representative of the whole country. In addition, further research is needed on performance of dairy cooperatives to enable replication of successful co-operatives in the country which will go a long way in improvement of the dairy industry as a whole. The book critically examines the evolution of industrial co-operatives and their importance in the present context of industrial set up. In this outstanding book, the author has aptly analysed and discussed the role of co-operation as a

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balancing sector. The book provides a comprehensive information on the subject. The work appropriately demonstrates and among the issues discussed in this book are their working, financial management, organisation, marketing, State aid and industrial relations. The problems including those of artisans have been viewed. The author offers many workable suggestions. A carefully designed, realistic approach, and enjoyable pack of eight chapters. This is a useful reference book which can be consulted conveniently by those looking up for information. The book covers everything relevant currently in regional planning. The present pioneering and indepth study is the outcome of the author's wide thinking and painstaking survey. This book collects sixteen essays that provide clarification to issues pertinent to contemporary cooperatives. Twenty three internationally recognized scholars of agricultural cooperatives from a variety of disciplines such as industrial organization, finance, sociology, networks, and political theory contributed theoretical work and empirical observations from different countries. When the issue of economic growth and development of the country is raised, one has to take into account the performance of the growth of smallholder farmers. Reducing the challenges they are facing and utilizing their potentials can help to accelerate the agricultural sector and economic development of the country as a whole. Agricultural cooperatives are ideal means for self-reliance, higher productivity and promotion of agricultural development. Therefore, the major concern of this

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book is empirically analyzing the role of agricultural multipurpose cooperatives found in the Southern Zone of Tigray Region of Ethiopia. It is suggested that more attention is to be given to the human resource development of the cooperative auditors through short term and long training programs so that to able to undertake timely audit of the cooperatives both in terms of quality and quantity. Moreover, professional management is becoming crucial issue for the cooperative societies in order to run viable and profitable business that can meet members benefit. Therefore, due attention is required for the recruitment of professional managers.

Rural cooperatives have existed in Asia for well over nine decades. All Asian countries have some experience with cooperatives - in agriculture, fisheries, crafts, rural thrift and credit, distribution of consumer articles. Barring their phenomenal success in Japan, Korea and in a few sectors elsewhere, Asian rural cooperatives in general are yet to reach their full potential either as agents of change or as member-oriented enterprises. Recent experience with Asia's rural cooperatives has shown that their performance is determined partly by the climate within which these function and partly by the conditions which affect their management and operations. The fact that rural cooperatives have survived and flourished in some parts of the region suggests the scope for useful lessons to be learnt and applied where they have not done as well. This collection of 16 papers - all acknowledged experts in the field of cooperatives - presents the major issues before Asia's rural cooperatives, assesses

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their experiences, and critically examines the relevance of such experiences in the unfolding scenario of increased competition and diluted role of the government in the process of their development. The thrust of this collection of papers is on (i) major obstacles to the development of cooperatives; (ii) steps that could help develop self-reliant, autonomous cooperatives; and (iii) role of cooperatives under structural adjustment programmes. In their pursuit to hasten the process of agricultural development, governments in different countries have been experimenting with alternative institutional devices like cooperatives; pre-cooperatives; farmers organisations; self-help groups and similar other grass-root institutions. Because of highly localised character of rural communities. It would be naive to think of a uniform pattern of rural cooperatives for the entire continent; but it is still possible to describe the conditions that are conducive to growth and development of cooperatives and cooperative-like organisations. The contributors drawing from their vast experience describe and list the elements of these conditions with cogent analysis and remarkable rigour.

Vertical Markets and Cooperative Hierarchies  
The Role of Cooperatives in the Agri-Food Industry  
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The book outlines how cooperatives can be used as a tool for development and reconciliation in post-conflict contexts. This book also examines the successes and challenges for emerging and existing cooperatives in Africa, while delivering both practical lessons and insights into the theory. It presents completely new materials on the cooperative movement, against a backdrop of increasing global recognition of the roles of cooperatives and collective action in socio-economic development. Readers are invited to consider how, as an economic model that seeks to advance member collective interests, cooperatives are invaluable tools for human,

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economic and social development. Social and human geographers find this a remarkably impactful contribution to the literature surrounding cooperatives in Africa and cooperative theory in general. Policy experts and students also find the research informative and insightful.

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