



The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR) established the **Policy and Coordination Unit for Women in Agriculture (PCUWA)** in 1992, which aimed at improving the quality of rural women's life, through implementing initiatives that raising the socio-economically & environmentally empowerment of rural women, to achieve the rural sustainable development.

PCUWA's mission is to foster integrating women's concerns and needs into agricultural policies and rural development programs, that promoted by MALR.

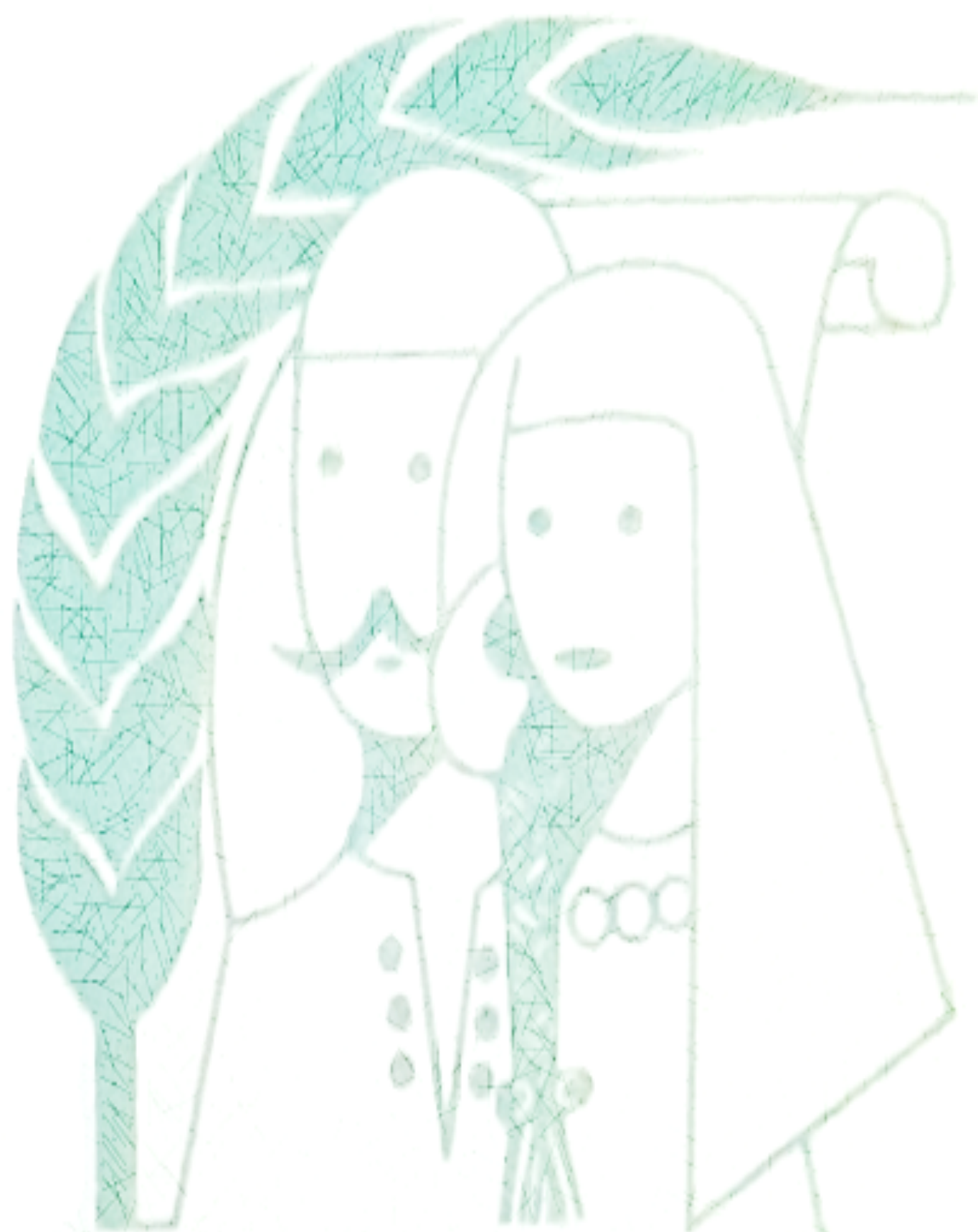
The mandate of PCUWA includes : providing technical support to MALR through capacity building on gender-sensitive analysis with planning, implementation and evaluation of agri. services; coordinating & cooperating with all governmental & non-governmental bodies, and national & international organizations to enhance the women's role in agric. and rural industries; establishing mechanisms to ensure higher participation of rural women in agric. sector and rural industries; increasing access of rural women to suitable agric. technologies, agric. inputs, extension services, credit, marketing & export services; .Studying rural women's behavior in management & maintaining environment resources.

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