

FILMED IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA AND ZIMBABWE, the video "Sharing the knowledge" highlights examples of rural men's and women's knowledge of medicinal plants, animal breeding and crop variety development.

● **Oloiboni Mapi, traditional healer in Northern Tanzania** To his son:

"Share the knowledge with other people, but be in control."

(From the video: "Sharing the knowledge" FAO, 2001)

THE VIDEO SHOWS that local knowledge systems have evolved because people share their experiences with other farmers and communities. Only through sharing can they continue to evolve for the benefit of future generations and people in other parts of the world. At the same time, we need to make sure that the interests and rights of the individuals and communities who developed and are maintaining the knowledge are not put at risk. The video concludes with an important challenge: How can we make sure that the custodians of knowledge – rural men and women – benefit from what they know and are willing to share?

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THE VIDEO WAS PRODUCED by the FAO Links project (*Gender, biodiversity and local knowledge systems for food security*) in collaboration with two other FAO programmes promoting sustainable use of biodiversity in East and

southern Africa. The Links project works to improve rural people's food security and promote the sustainable management of agrobiodiversity by strengthening the capacity of institutions to use participatory approaches that recognize men and women farmer's knowledge in their programmes and policies. The project is funded by the Government of Norway.

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