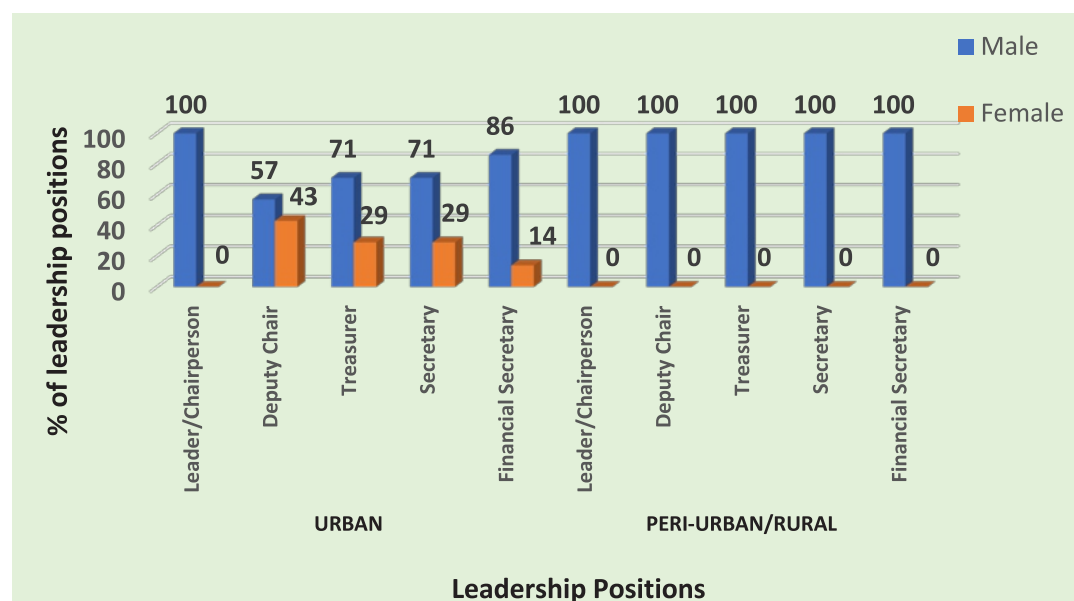


EMPOWERING WOMEN IN FISH MARKET LEADERSHIP: ENHANCING GENDER REPRESENTATION IN FCT FISH TRADE

A survey of fish wholesale markets was conducted in the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja) by the RSM2SNF project in 2023/2024. The study covered 10 markets where information regarding gender dimension (with a focus on women), market operations and the fish products sold was obtained from market leaders and traders.



GENDER OF FCT FISH MARKET LEADERS



SHARE OF FEMALE WHOLESALERS IN FCT FISH MARKETS

Total	32.83%
Urban	27.30%
Peri-urban	100%
Rural	10%

KEY FINDINGS

- The overall fish market leaders are male in ALL the fish wholesale markets in the FCT as shown in the graph.
- There are no females in the fish market executive committees in peri-urban and rural markets
- Urban fish markets have women involved in various market leadership positions-

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Though women account for 100% of fish wholesalers in peri-urban markets & about 33% for all markets yet they are underrepresented in the fish market/leadership.
- This suggests a highly uneven distribution of female participation in leadership in fish wholesale markets in the FCT, particularly in the non-urban areas as shown in the graph.
- This underrepresentation in governance structures can restrict women's influence over decisions that affect their economic activities and well-being.
- Building on urban progress, greater female participation in non-urban markets can be encouraged.