mme in terms of adequacy, relevance and scope.

All these findings indicate the WATP has achieved its objectives only to some extent this may be due to many reasons. One of them could be, as the INST report, due to the negative or little concern of the CAP towards the WATP.

Since WATP is the only programme specifically designed for the development of the rural women, all the respondents feel that the importance of the WATP as a strategy for rural development through the development of the rural women cannot be denied. From the analyses, discussions and the suggestions of the respondents, it reveals that though the degree of its effectiveness is low, the positive impact of the WATP cannot be overlooked, hence, there is no plan to discontinue the programme.

On the basis of the general findings, it is concluded that with some changes and modifications in the total programme, the WATP can be one of the most effective strategies for rural development. The integrative nature of the programme cannot be substituted by any other programme.


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