# Gender Justice Decision Diamond narrative

My name is Jane Walina Kanyatsi Women Abductees group. My symbol is a watch.

She is presenting a decision diamond. What are the decisions that a powerful woman will take in the household. There were 9 women in the group.

1. **Land** We started with land which is very important to us.

Before GALS none of the 9 women had ownership of land.

Now all 9 have control of land and are respected in their homes.

1. **Coffee harvest.** Before GALS men could do anything they like with the harvest from coffee and the money. Women could not say anything. Now all 9 women have power in decisions over coffee harvest. Men cannot do anything now without consulting their wives.

1. **Buying and selling land.** Before 9 women had no say in buying or selling land. Now 9 have joint control over buying and selling land. The children are also included.

1. **Marketing coffee:** Before GALS 9 women did not know anything about the marketing of the coffee. The men would take all the coffee to the store and take all the money. Now all the women do the coffee marketing and take the coffee to Bukonzo Joint.

1. **Livestock.** Before GALS 9 women did not know how to sell animals. The men took the animals and sold them and kept the money. The women had no power in those decisions. Now women can control sale of animals and take the money to the school and use the money for school fees for their children.

1. **Money.** Before GALS none of the 9 women knew where the men kept their money or what they spent it on. Now all in all 9 households there is a decision that they will sit down together and plan. The women sit with their husband , she counts the money and they make joint decision on what to buy and pay for.

1. **Eating together.** Before GALS the husbands of all 9 women would always come back very late after the women and children had already gone to bed. They never sat together. Now they all sit together and they eat together with their children

1. **Work.** Before GALS the 9 women were doing all their activities alone. Now men are helping them to carry firewood, with cooking food and sharing all activities at home.

1. **Sex.** All 9 women said that before GALS culture determined that during sex the women had to lie under a man. But now the couples have decided that women can ask to be on top or underneath as they wish.

1. **Savings.** Before GALS men had their separate savings and women had separate savings accounts. Now they are saving together.

1. **Groups.** Before GALS 9 women did not go to groups. Now they are going to groups and men are giving them money to save in savings groups.