

## **ABSTRACT**

*Geographically, Indonesia is an agricultural country with a quite high population growth rate. People who live in rural general economic activity in the agricultural sector. Human resource potential in the agricultural sector not only includes men as heads of households, but also the role of women participating farm to sustain family life. Subdistrict Tigapanah as the study area located in North Sumatra Province is crop production centers, and has the largest agricultural households. Hence the need for the empowerment of women in the agricultural sector, it is expected that the empowerment of women in rural areas have a position according to his ability.*

*The main objective of this study is to identify and find empowerment strategies for improving farmer's wife in an attempt to increase family income. This study used a mix of qualitative and quantitative -method between. Primary data was collected from various parties or relevant stakeholders, while depth interviews were also conducted with key informants and competent persons, while secondary data is used to enrich the analysis.*

*This research resulted in findings that the farmer's wife still have to strive to increase family income through their roles, the role of production, reproduction and community management. Strategy for increasing empowerment of the economic aspects, the farmer's wife in an attempt to increase the family income of the economic aspect as one way to support the empowerment of the farmer's wife.*

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