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Gender Roles in Aquaculture in Malaysia: Exploratory Study in Kuala Besut, Terengganu, Malaysia

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Background

- ❑ Malaysia high income county by 2020
- ❑ Fishing sector - key food security of nation for main source of protein
- ❑ Aquaculture potential growth sector under Third National Agriculture policy
- ❑ Mainly men's role - women also play active role



Objectives of presentation

- ❑ To share experience in data collection to understand the gender roles in aquaculture activities
- ❑ Highlight findings on gender roles in household and aquaculture activities





Methodology

- No data on gender role in aquaculture
- Provide field officers understanding on gender role in aquaculture
- Further discussion with officers to develop questionnaire for study:
 - I) cage ii) pond iii) off shore fishing
- Questionnaire comprised of socio economic background & activity profile



Data collection

- Questionnaire was developed
- Malaysia Fishery Development Board branch, Besut, Terengganu help collect data
- 200 member of branch help collect data - June 2011



The respondents

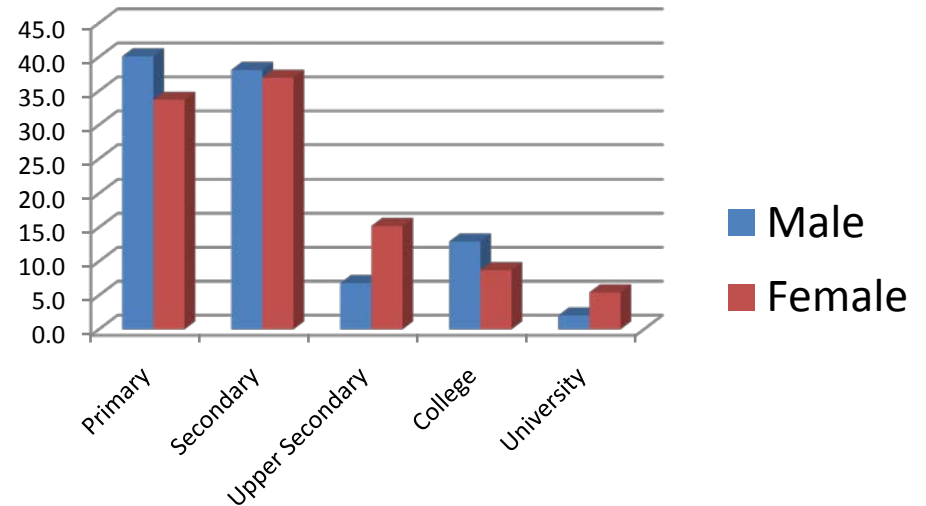
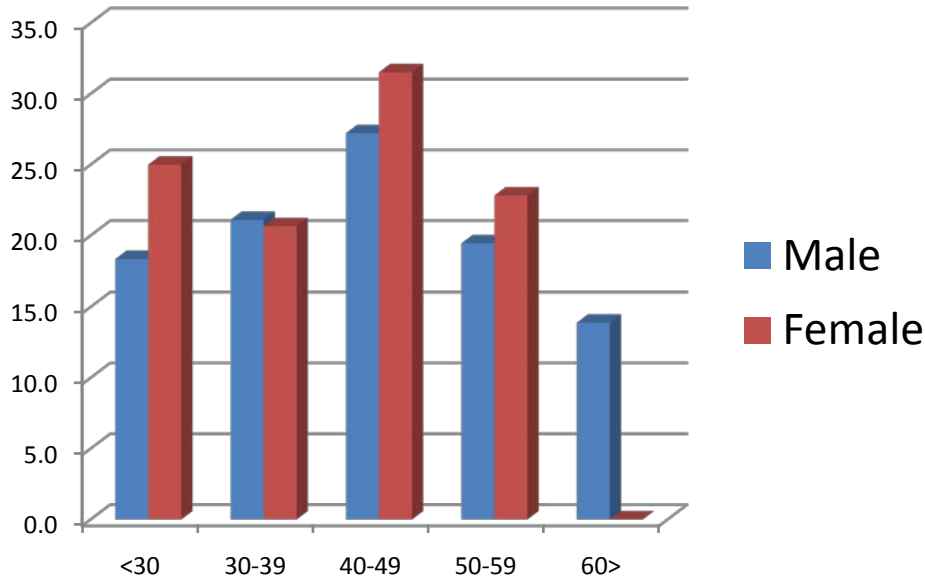
275 men & women

- 147 married men
- 93 married women
- 35 married pond operators
- 51 married cage operators



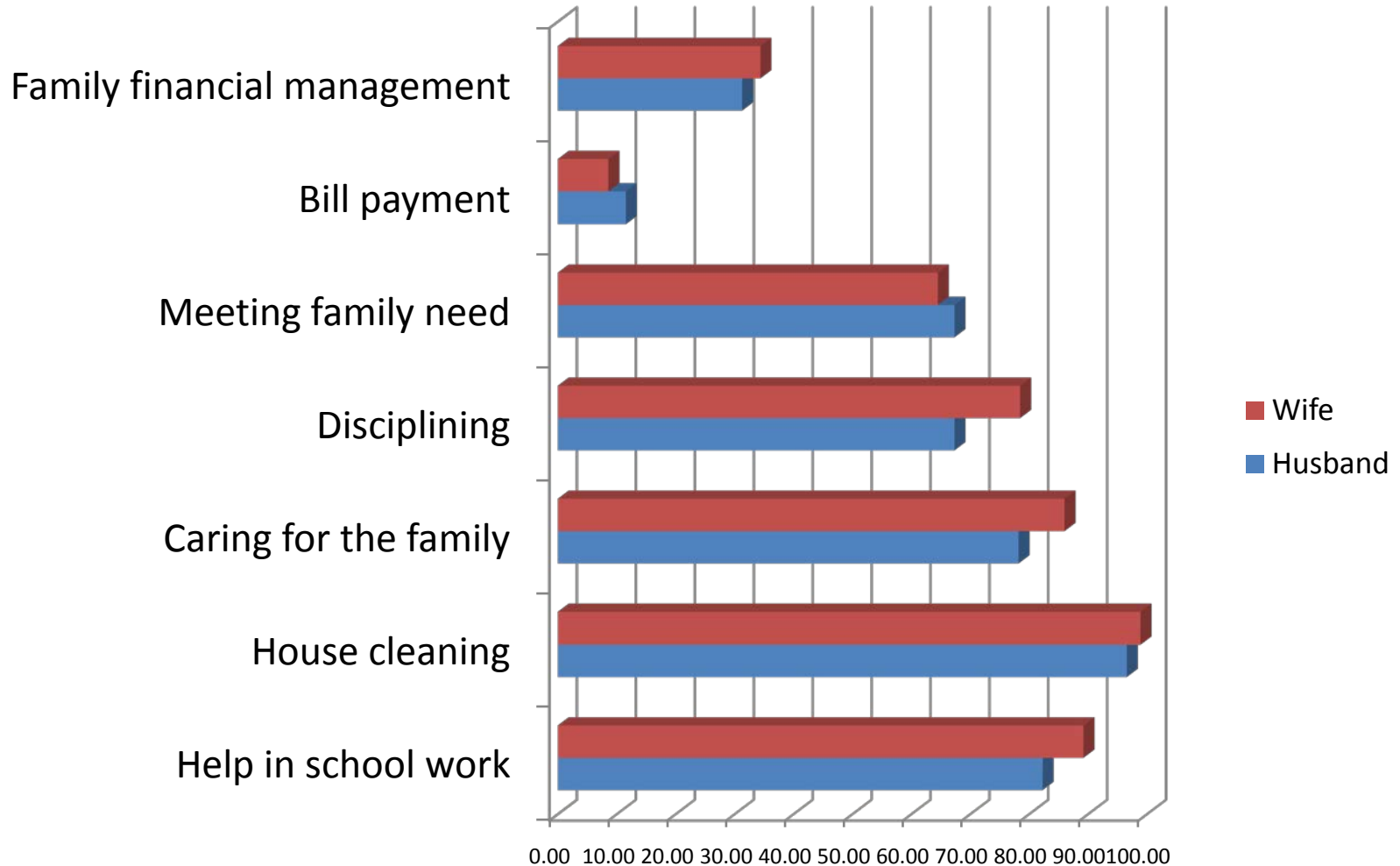


Profile of the Respondents



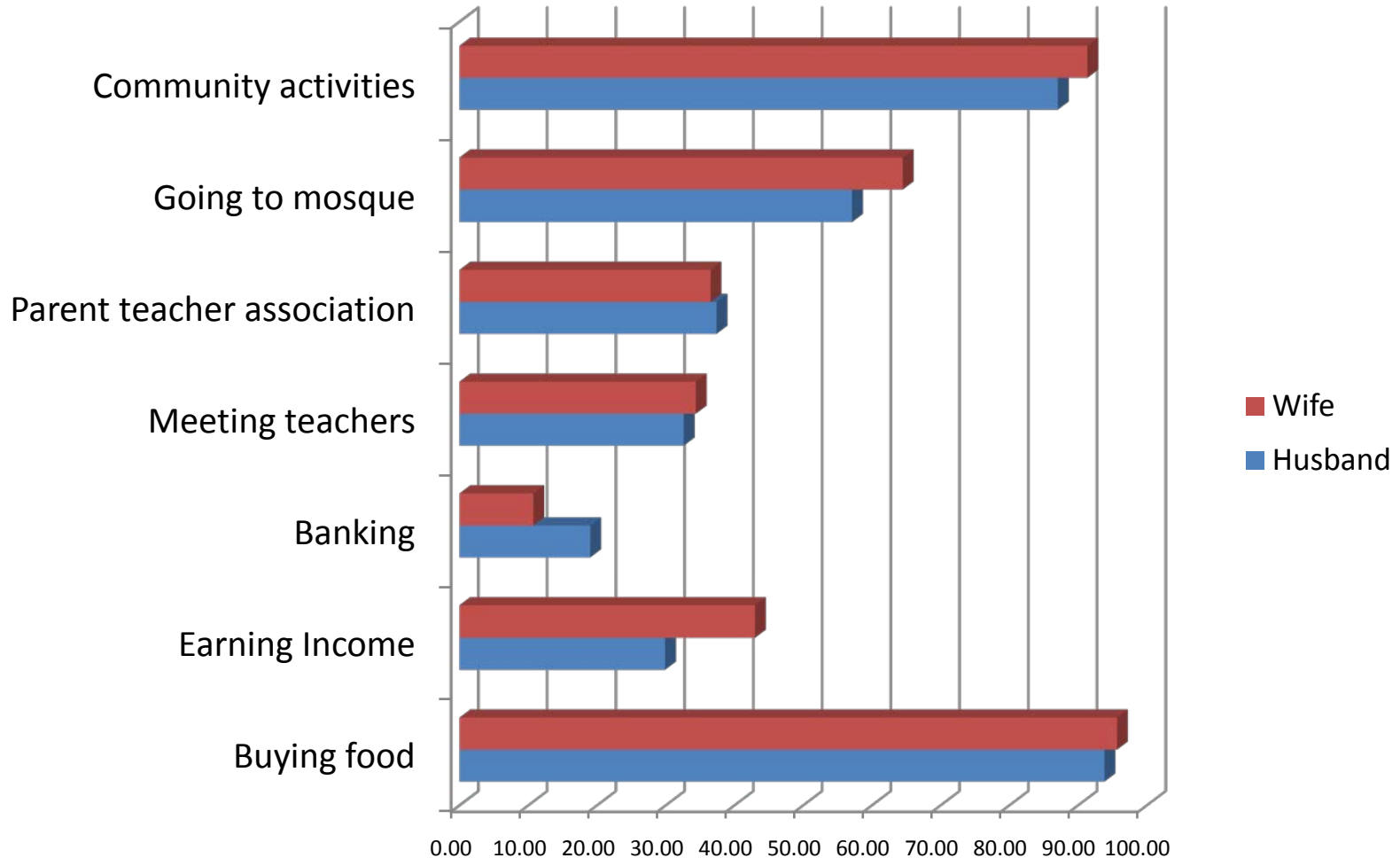


Domestic Roles



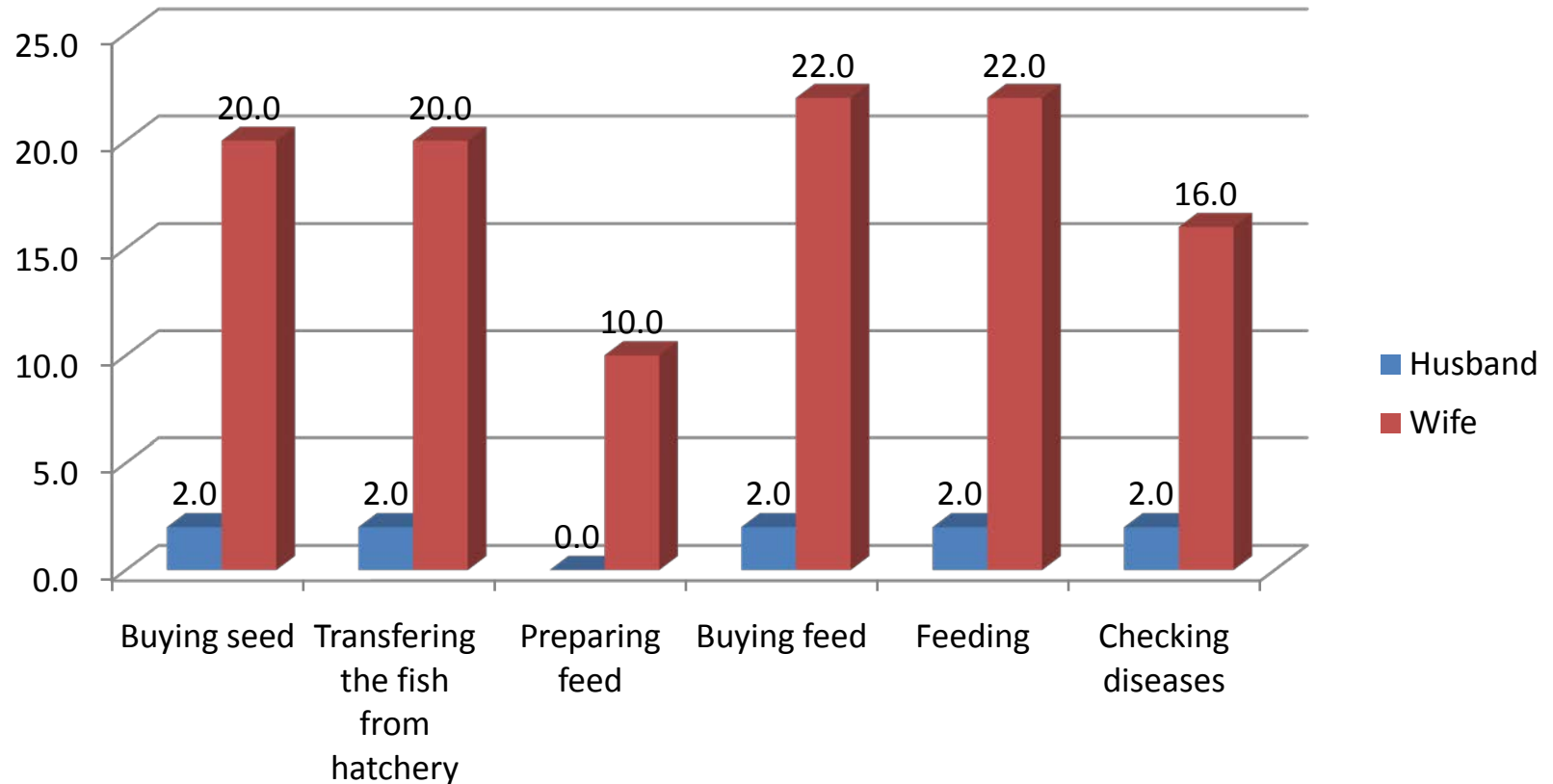


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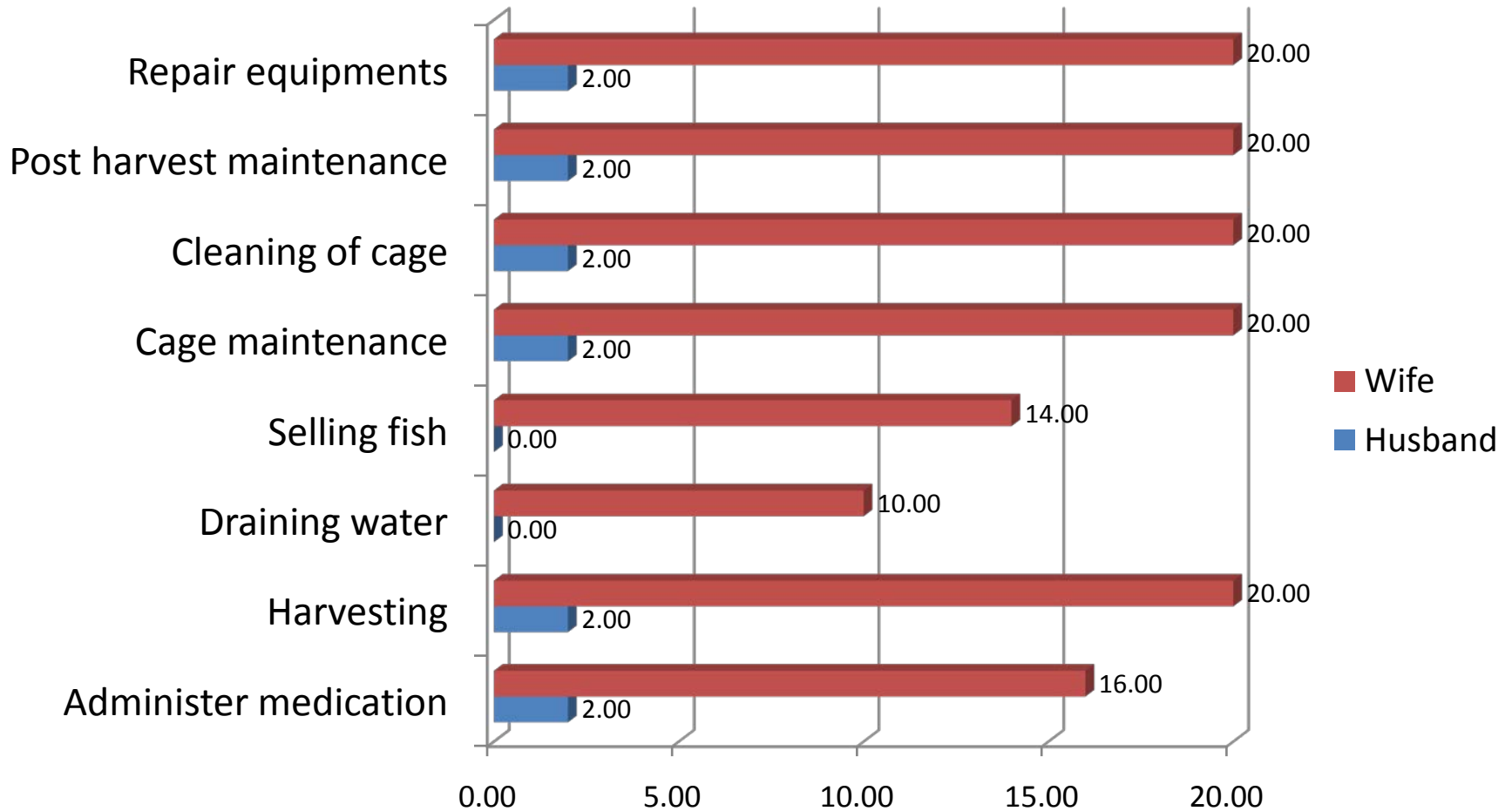


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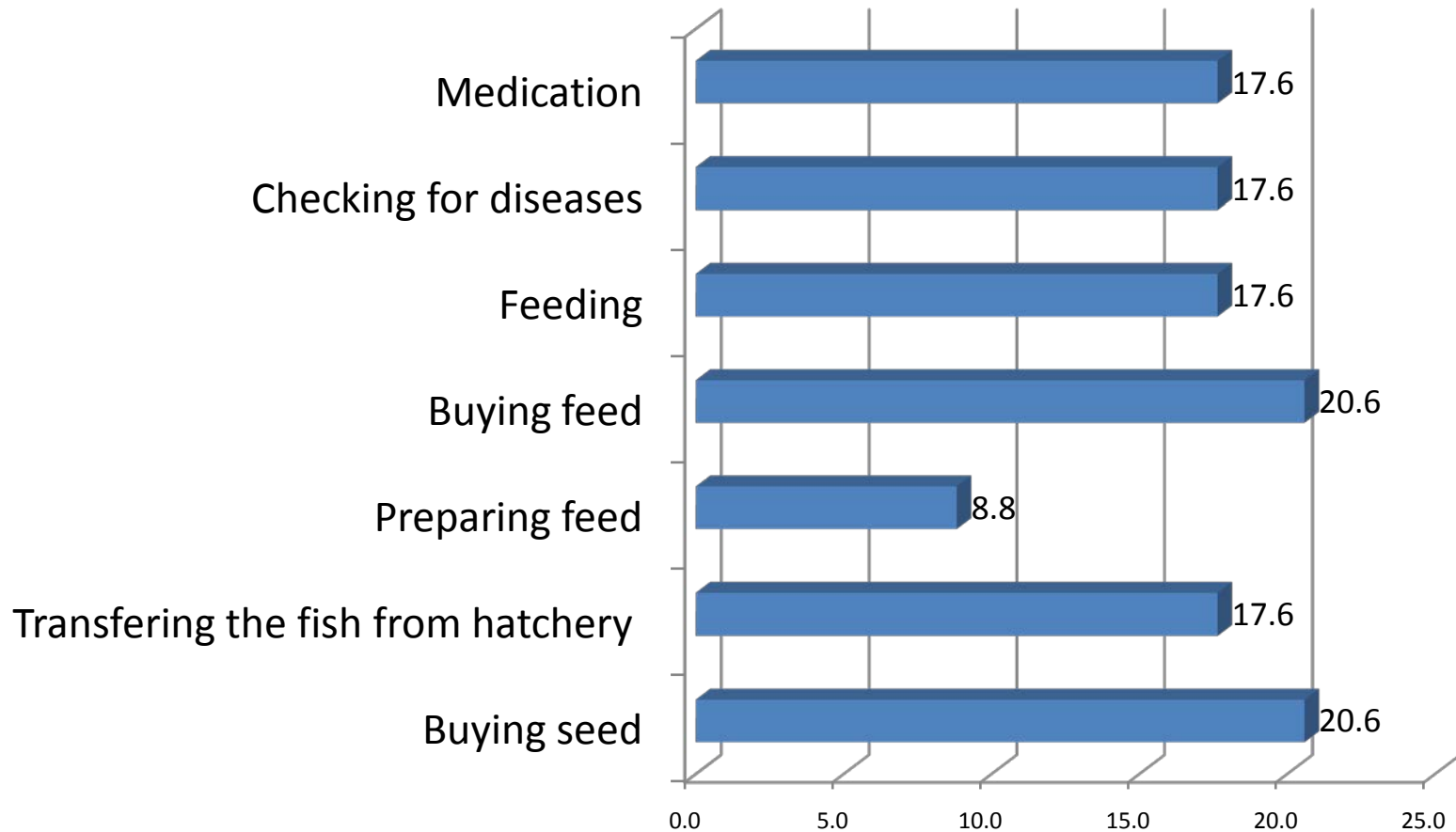


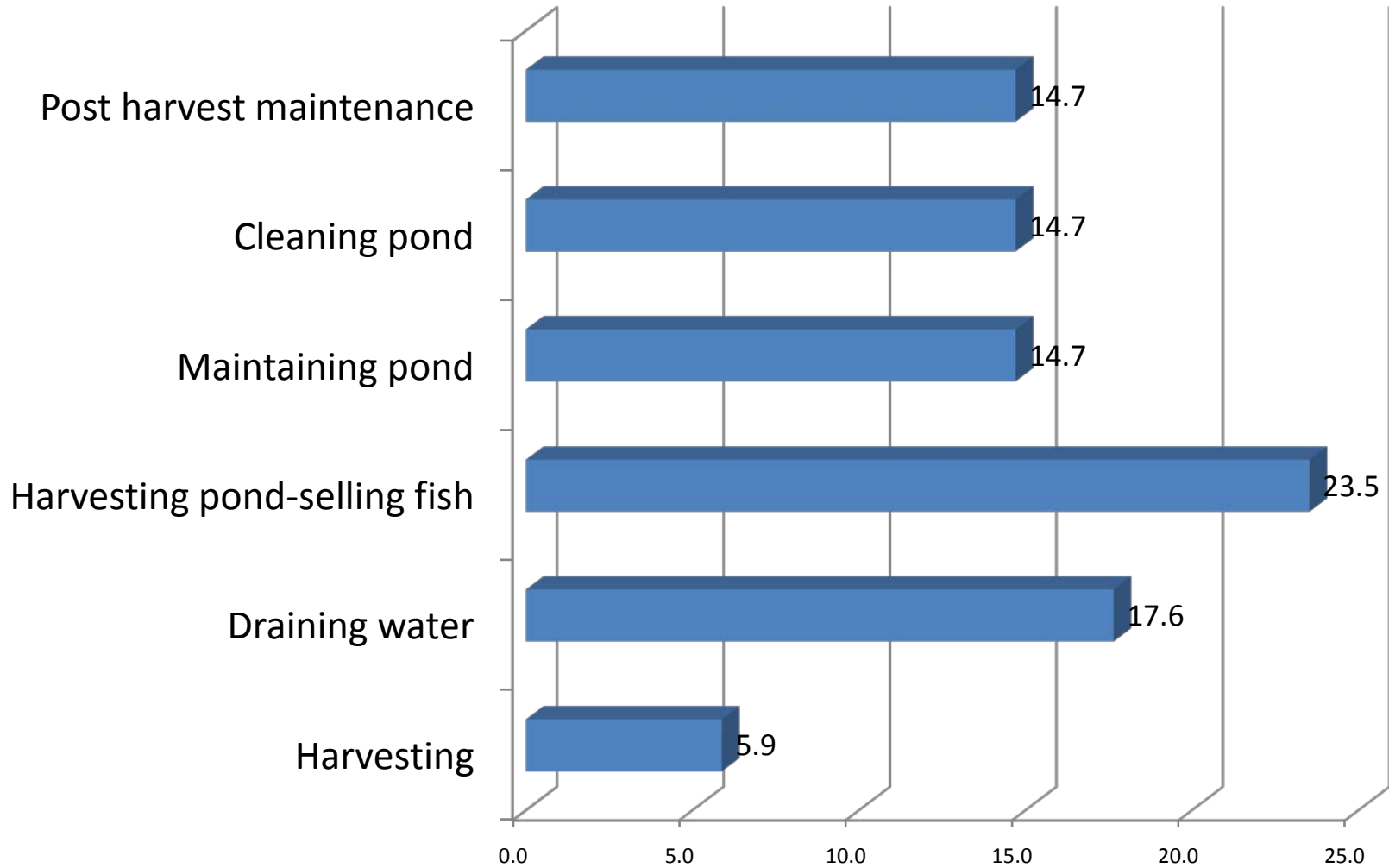


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Women's Perception of Their Roles in Fish Ponds





Conclusions

- Husband & wife have similar perception of role of women in domestic sphere
- Discrepancies between husband and wife regarding roles in aquaculture
- Only one husband perceived his wife's involvement in pond & cage operation



Conclusions

- More women indicated their involvement in pond & cage operation
- Further research needed for clearer picture of men & women's involvement
- Knowing who does what in aquaculture can guide strategies for efficient technology transfer

Thank you.

