

World Bank Group Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality

List of Grants

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Africa

Benin: Gender and Youth Employment

Evaluation of a youth skills development intervention with the goal of identifying effective policy responses.

Burundi: Impact Evaluation of gender norms and empowerment

Evaluation of what works in changing gender norms to improve sexual and reproductive health, reducing gender-based violence, and improving women and girls' decision-making power.

Congo, Democratic Republic: Impact Evaluation of DRC PARRSA

Evaluation of the effect of seed subsidies and the role of extension services in boosting productivity for women in agriculture.

Cote d'Ivoire: Gender and Employment

Evaluation of the effects of child care provision on female formal sector employment and income (agro-processing employment).

Ethiopia: Gender and technology in selected agricultural value chains

Evaluation of interventions aiming at overcoming gender gaps in technology adoption among female farmers.

Ethiopia: Women Agricultural Leaders Project

Evaluation of a mentorship program aiming to help address important challenges that women face in the areas of entrepreneurship and small business in the agri-business sector in Ethiopia.

Guinea: Gender and Access to Finance

Evaluation of a formalization intervention for micro, small and medium enterprises offering a subsidy treatment (in-kind grant or savings account).

Kenya: Gender and Property Rights

Evaluation of the outcomes of a property rights project on women, and understanding the role of community, household and individual norms.

Liberia: Economic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women

Evaluation of skills (life and technical) provision for improved employment and entrepreneurship outcomes for adolescent girls and young women.

Liberia: Gender and Empowerment

Evaluation of the impacts of life skills training on life choices, education, and economic opportunities for girls and young women.

Nigeria: Supporting Vulnerable Households project

Evaluation a project improving food security and increasing agricultural productivity, production and engagement in local markets, and creating space for women's participation in decision-making inside and outside of the household, among other outcomes.

Regional: Evidence for addressing the gender gap in agriculture in Sub-Saharan

Evaluation of approaches that transform gender roles (e.g. providing agricultural extension for higher value crops that are farmed predominantly by men) against more incremental support (e.g. increased extension for crops that women grow now, for example via ICT use).

Regional: Gender and agricultural technology adoption

Evaluation of interventions to increase technology adoption among female smallholders.

Regional: Gender and private sector development in Africa

Evaluation of training programs, alternative entrepreneurship programs, psychometric tests as an alternative to traditional mechanisms of awarding credit, and innovations through the use of technology in accessing markets and finance.

Regional: Gender-informed mobile phone surveys in Africa

Collection of high-frequency welfare statistics surveys using mobile phones. This will yield a large amount of gender-disaggregated panel data on standard household information.

Regional: Report on Gender and Agriculture

Regional report using nationally representative micro-econometric evidence from several African countries to uncover the factors that drive productivity gaps between male and female farmers.

Republic of Congo: Gender and Skills Development

Evaluation of skills training, job insertion and entrepreneurship support for vulnerable youth and micro-entrepreneurs.

Sierra Leone: Adolescent Empowerment and Livelihoods

Evaluation of an intervention aiming to reduce teen pregnancy and improve labor market outcomes

South Africa: Impact evaluation of gender norms and empowerment

Evaluation of what works in changing gender norms to improve sexual and reproductive health, reducing gender-based violence, and improving women and girls' decision-making power.

South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda: Impact Evaluation of Youth Skills Training Programs

Additional data collection and analysis for existing impact evaluations on youth skills training programs, including innovative new components such as measurement of psychosocial well-being, competitiveness.

South Sudan: Gender and Safety Nets Impact Evaluation

Evaluation of a public works and skills development project for youth, examining the impact of community-level targeting processes, participation, and skills training on the employment outcomes of male and female youth.

Uganda CEDP

Evaluation of the effects of secure land tenure on women's productivity and household decision-making.

East Asia & Pacific

Cambodia, Lao PDR: Mekong Informal Trade Facilitation and Gender Study

The activity investigates informal trade facilitation in the Mekong region by exploring whether border and customs reforms benefit female entrepreneurs engaged in cross-border arbitrage trade in terms of reduction in harassment, corruption, and other challenges they face.

Cambodia: Effect on female knowledge and empowerment of a maternal and child health & nutrition cash transfer pilot

Evaluation of a pilot providing a monthly cash stipend to promote investment in health and nutrition services. Additional cash bonuses are contingent on attending nutritional literacy workshops, use of services during pregnancy, delivery, and the first two years of the child's life.

China and Vietnam: Gender Dimensions of Urbanization: Generating lessons learned

Uncovering the gendered challenges of land conversion and urbanization in Vietnam. Exploring the social and economic impacts of urbanization on women in China and Vietnam

China: Gender Impacts of Intelligent Transport System

Evaluation of whether and how intelligent transport systems (e.g. travel info systems, CCTV monitoring, bus dispatching systems) benefit women. The grant will result in technical guidelines on how to better incorporate gender into ITS.

China: Gender-Dimensions of Collective Forest Tenure Reform

Expansion of an annual survey on forest tenure among 3,500 households in seven provinces, to better understand women's access to and de facto control over forestland and their participation in decision making. In-depth case studies and interviews will complement the survey.

China: Piloting Women's Participatory Rural Land Registration

Analysis of issues related to women's access to and control over land (e.g. inheritance, marriage/divorce). Documenting the implementation of a participatory pilot for land registration in China.

China, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam: Female Labor Force Participation and Care

Analytical work to better understand the labor force behavior of women 45 and over, including vulnerability in the absence of old age support, and the labor supply of working-age women taking into consideration eldercare.

Indonesia: Improving Maternal Health

Understanding the supply side of maternal health services by expanding a health facility census to include private facilities, where a significant proportion of maternal health services are utilized, and conduct qualitative analyses on constraints to improving service readiness for maternal health services.

Lao PDR: Evidence on supply-side capacity to inform Maternal and Child Health policy

The grant aims to inform the scale-up of the national free maternal and child health (MCH) policy, by answering "what it would take" to adequately bolster the supply-side and to increase demand for these health services in a gender-sensitive manner, to attain the objective of reducing maternal mortality.

Mongolia: Stopping gender-based violence by engaging with men

The grant aims to understand the underlying issues that lead Mongolian men and boys to adopt detrimental behaviors (e.g., GBV, alcoholism, school dropout), and pilot Men-Care approaches through media and "men support groups."

Regional: Fund for In-Country Capacity Building and M&E

Strengthening in-country capacity to implement and measure strategic and innovative gender work and policy, as well as to strengthen regional stakeholders' understanding of key gender issues.

Solomon Islands: Hem No Leit Tumas: Evidence for Improved Outcomes in Solomon Islands Women's Literacy Programs

Develop a compendium of financial literacy providers/programs with good practice examples, lessons, M&E systems, and any evidence of outcomes. Together with the Literacy Network, agree on features of good practice and a replicable monitoring information framework.

Solomon Islands: Pacific Gender Indicators in Fisheries

Collecting gender disaggregated data to fill crucial gaps in information on risks and opportunities to women in different segments of the fisheries value chain to guide sectorial policies and investment in the region.

Thailand: Situation Assessment for Men and Youth in Conflict-affected Areas in Southern Thailand

Understanding the socio-economic profile, needs and aspirations of men in conflict zones and how to support male confidence, decision-making and empowerment in these situations. The work will identify measures to ensure affected men are systematically included in relevant programs.

Europe & Central Asia

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Serbia : Promoting Gender Equality in the Western Balkans

Analytical work on care services, the degree of labor market inequality and its associated productivity losses, mapping the potential skills mismatch in Serbia, and barriers to mobility in Bosnia. Innovative leadership training will also be delivered to officials to improve labor reform.

Regional: ECAGEN database

A new database module will provide convenient access to gender-relevant data extracted from household level data used for regional poverty monitoring in the extensive ECAPOV database.

Regional: Gender Aging and Care Issues in ECA

Research on the interactions between female labor force participation and different models for care demands (child- and eldercare), including the role of social norms. The grant also looks at the drivers of excess adult male mortality in the region.

Regional: Gender Employability and Soft Skills

The grant contributes to the understanding of the role of behavioral skills and conscious or unconscious labor market discrimination in ECA. Various experiments aim to reveal hidden gender-based hiring biases among employers.

Regional: Gender Informed Road Safety Strategies

Addressing excess adult male mortality by advancing gender sensitive approaches to road safety. The work seeks to understand the gender dimensions of the causes and consequences of road traffic accidents through a global road safety and gender review, and piloting gender sensitive road safety actions.

Regional: Gender Sensitivity in Energy Investments

Cross-sectoral collaboration to understand how proposed energy reforms and increasing energy tariffs in the region could differentially affect men and women, and how investments can be designed to ensure gender equity in project benefits.

Regional: Missing Girls in the South Caucasus

Research uncovering the causes and consequences of skewed birth ratios and sex selection in the South Caucasus

South Eastern Europe and Balkans Roma Adolescents - Qualitative Research

The objective of the proposed activity is to understand what projects and activities can promote the social and economic integration of adolescent Roma boys.

Turkey: Increasing access of women to economic opportunities

Multi-sectoral work on women's economic opportunities by looking barriers to employment such as childcare supply and other work-life policies. The grant will also pilot women's cooperatives to help increase female labor force.

Western Balkans: Land and Leadership

Innovative leadership training for local land reform teams in the region on how to address gender inequality in land rights, along with a one-year follow up on developed action plans to improve ongoing land administration programs.

Latin America & the Caribbean

Bolivia: Understanding Agency by Measuring Women's Perception on Exclusion and Discrimination

Perception survey on violence against women, workplace discrimination and exclusion, with a focus on indigenous groups.

Brazil: Expanding Women's Agency through Productive Inclusion in Rural Areas in Northeast Brazil

Analytical work to better understand gender roles and rural women's agency within key productive clusters, and piloting interventions to enhance and better measure their agency.

Brazil: Urban Mass Transport: Gender Agency and Inclusion

Piloting the use of existing urban mass transport systems to increase access for women to specialized legal and social services through electronic information kiosks and campaigns.

Ecuador: Text me maybe! Peer-to-peer sexual education and texting to reduce risk of teen pregnancy

Evaluation of school-based peer-to-peer education combined with text message reminders to reduce teen pregnancy. Findings aim to increase knowledge on how aspirations, empowerment and gender norms affect agency.

El Salvador: Expanding Labor Market Opportunities of Women

An evaluation of whether income support and training programs can be potent tools for enhancing women's agency for better economic outcomes. The work will also provide lessons on how to best measure agency.

Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua: Migration and Women's Agency in Agriculture

Research on the impact of male outmigration on women left in charge of the farm in terms of productivity, decision-making, and constraints, taking into account the role of remittances.

Haiti: Adolescent Girls Initiative

Testing provision of skills training (including non-traditional technical ones) for improved employment and entrepreneurship outcomes for young women.

Haiti: Piloting the Delivery of Agency

Evaluation of alternative modalities in the provision of agency-building and soft skills development to improve employment outcomes for young women in Haiti.

OECS Countries: Developing a Model for Gender-Inclusive Climate Adaptation Finance

Promoting awareness, designing a financing scheme, and developing disaster risk management products that promote greater agency and climate resilience along gender lines.

Regional: Advancing Gender Agency in LAC: Experiences from the Transport Sector

Expand data and evidence on impacts of transportation projects on women’s agency, as well as analyzing the replicable and scalable nature of those activities.

Regional: Knowledge Management

Expand and share operationally relevant knowledge aimed to improve gender equality in the region. Activities include regional knowledge contests targeting government agencies, civil society, and academia, as well as dissemination around agency related topics.

Middle East & North Africa

Jordan: Impact Evaluation of Civil Legal Aid for Women

Develop an understanding of the impact of legal aid services in civil matters for poor women to support evaluation of different service delivery models, and provide data to promote discussions on the value of legal aid versus.

South Asia

Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan: Youth, Gender and ICT Program

Piloting ICT skills for employment and entrepreneurship among young women, and developing apps for supporting gender-based violence victims and increasing accountability and information around public services (e.g. health).

Regional: Gender Innovation Lab South Asia

Identify interventions that address the underlying causes of female and male disadvantages given a country’s context. The Lab will build the evidence–base and inform Bank operations and public policy. It will perform strategic analytical work on gender and enhance the monitoring and evaluation of gender interventions by testing gender-specific interventions in World Bank programs, or as stand-alone activities in the areas of access to infrastructure services, voice and agency, and gender-based violence.

Regional: Addressing Gender-Based Violence in South Asia

Support development of a comprehensive gender-based violence program in the region by increasing availability of data and evidence, engaging donors, government partners, civil society and other groups to increase effectiveness of GBV programs, and learn from innovative programs.