



## MITREEKI 2016

Integrating Women in  
Economic Development  
March 03-04; Nairobi, Kenya



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Women's economic empowerment is critical for gender equality and for achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As an indication of global commitment, the UN Secretary-General has set up a first-ever High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment, where Government of UK's Department for International Development (DFID) is a founding member, to provide thought leadership and mobilise concrete actions to close economic gender gaps and outcomes.

*Developing countries have taken several measures for gender equality, ending gender based violence and creating economic opportunities for women. The Self-Help Group model from India is one such example. Models like this that deliver on the ground and change women's lives are of interest to other countries.*

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DFID India recognises the value of peer learning and partnerships between developing countries and through its Knowledge Partnership Programme (KPP), is happy to host this workshop. One of the priorities under KPP is to share Indian and Global evidence on policies that impact development outcomes for women and girls and support advocacy towards strengthening policy design and implementation.

'Integrating Women in Economic Development' will provide an opportunity for partners to learn from each other. It will examine both good policies and practices and partnerships to mentor, support and collaborate with each other. The workshop will discuss key areas of financial inclusion; market linkages; opportunities in the emerging sectors and addressing social norms that impede women's participation. Each session will reflect on policies; programmes and models that have addressed these barriers.

Day one of the workshop will focus on plenary discussions while day two will facilitate a dialogue between practitioners to understand the good practices in more details and how these could be applied in their contexts. Day two will allow for more focused discussions on how the process of learning can continue beyond the workshop by the various partners and networks. We hope that the workshop will take the partners through the different stages of sharing, learning and linking.

The Workshop is organised by IPE Global, implementing partners of KPP and in association with Kenya Association of Women Business Owners (KAWBO).

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### Focus Countries

Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda,  
Tanzania, Uganda and  
India

### Venue

Strathmore Business  
School  
Nairobi, Kenya

### Organised By

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### Reference Reading

- Microfinance and Women Empowerment
- Economic Empowerment of Women in Malawi through Green Brick Making
- Addressing hunger and under-nutrition
- Collaborating for Women's Economic, Social and Political Empowerment
- Women and Girls - Go Places, Stay Safe
- Residential Schooling Strategies: Impact on Girl's Education

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Economic empowerment of women is a prerequisite to achieve development goals in any country. Women make up one half of the world's human capital and yet continue to be dependent as regards to control and access to resources and decision making. Thus, empowering and educating girls and women and leveraging their talent and leadership fully in the global economy, polity and society emerges as a development imperative.

### Microfinance and Women Empowerment

The United Nations (UN) has paid close attention to and recognised the important role of microfinance in the socio-economic advancement of communities. This included the declaration of the year 2005 as the “Year of Microfinance”, conducting studies and producing publications on the subject, and strengthening activities of its specialised fund for small-scale investment (UNCDF). Microfinance has evolved as an economic development approach intended to benefit low-income women and men. Microfinance as defined by CGAP<sup>1</sup>, “usually refers to the provision of financial services to poor and low-income clients who have little or no access to conventional banks.” [Read More](#)



### Economic Empowerment of Women in Malawi through Green Brick Making

The setting up of a pilot Vertical Green Brick Kiln (VSBK) in Malawi to arrest deforestation and provide good quality bricks has opened up employment opportunities for women in the brick-making sector.

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### Addressing hunger and under-nutrition in Eastern Africa through knowledge exchange with India: Focus on women and children\*

The sharing of India's experiences on state provisioning and formulating the Right to Food through knowledge exchange can help accelerate pace for addressing food and nutrition needs of women and children in countries in Eastern Africa.

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### India Africa Collaborating for Women's Economic, Social and Political Empowerment

Development experts and policy analysts have claimed that empowering women and girls is quintessential to promoting quick and equitable economic growth and long term stability. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which all 193 UN member states endorsed, included promoting gender equality and empowering women as its Goal 3.

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### Women and Girls Go Places, Stay Safe

A community based audit tool, launched in November 2013, is a free of charge mobile based application which makes auditing and tracking of public spaces simple and efficient so that you are just a click away from being aware of how safe are your surroundings. The application also provides safety related information collected by users and trained auditors.

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### Residential Schooling Strategies: Impact on Girl's Education and Empowerment

Several residential schooling strategies exist for girls in the publicly funded school system in India but there is no definite policy on residential schooling in general or for girls in particular. The information on the performance of these schemes / programmes / initiatives remains uneven, isolated and sporadic. A good number also exist in private sector catering to both girls and boys, and information about them is even more limited. It is in this context that this study based on review of literature and documents coupled with some validation visits to a few sites and consultations with key stakeholders plays an important role in providing several key pointers for policy. [Read More](#)

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## Mitreeki 2016: Focus Country Profiles

The Knowledge Partnership Programme aims to promote sharing of Indian evidence, best practice and expertise with Developing Countries in order to facilitate evidence-gathering and uptake thereby assisting them in their development needs and simultaneously learning from their experience.

Brief profile of Mitreeki 2016 Focus Countries

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