Kudumbashree — Kerala's Women's Neighbourhood-Group Network, With a CAG Audit Finding Many Micro-Enterprises Inactive (Cautionary Case)

Gender Equality · Good practice · India

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Kerala's state-run network of women's neighbourhood groups supports savings, credit and microenterprise, but a 2018 CAG performance audit found at least 35% of its micro-enterprises inactive and a skilling project reaching 1,794 of a 5,000 target.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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