

SIYB Business Training for Women Entrepreneurs — Colombo & Kandy's Two-Track Randomised Trial

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Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Randomised controlled trial

Summary

A randomised trial delivered ILO's SIYB training to 1,256 women across 10 divisions of greater Colombo and Kandy. Training alone did not raise profits for existing subsistence enterprises; training plus a cash grant boosted profits for eight months before the gain disappeared.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

[World Bank Development Research Group & ILO Start-and-Improve-Your-Business \(SIYB\) Programme](#) — accessed 2026-08-08

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