

Women Entrepreneurs Leveraging Innovative Finance in Tonga (WE-LIFT)

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A \$9M ADB grant approved in December 2025 is building Tonga's first risk-sharing facility -- an 80% partial credit guarantee up to T\$300,000 per loan -- plus an enablement fund and business advisory hub to move informal women-led MSMEs into formal, growth-oriented businesses.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

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[ADB: \\$9 Million Grant to Unlock Business Opportunities for Women in Tonga](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

[RNZ Pacific: US\\$9 million grant to support Tongan women in business](#) — accessed 2026-09-09

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