Women Entrepreneurship Development Project (WEDP) — Ethiopia's Meso-Credit and Training Line for Growth-Oriented Women-Owned Firms

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Ethiopia

Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Ethiopia's WEDP lent larger individual-liability loans plus training to growth-oriented women-owned MSEs: 29,821 loans and 43,000+ women trained. Per-firm earnings rose US$2,414→4,053 by 2019; a psychometric-loan RCT cut firm death 17pp.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-18

Development Bank of Ethiopia with participating microfinance institutions, financed by the World Bank (IDA) — accessed 2026-11-18

World Bank IEG ICR Review — WEDP (P122764) — accessed 2026-11-18

Better Loans or Better Borrowers? (WPS 8511) — UK Research for Development — accessed 2026-11-18

Psychometric credit scoring RCT — World Bank Microdata Library — accessed 2026-11-18

World Bank project page — accessed 2026-11-18

Gebremedhin & Gebru (2025), Impact of WEDP in Mekelle City — Int. J. of Business and Development — accessed 2026-11-18

Cite this — Evidoria. *Women Entrepreneurship Development Project (WEDP) — Ethiopia's Meso-Credit and Training Line for Growth-Oriented Women-Owned Firms*. Persistent ID: fb448590-c9fb-43d5-858a-0f77f6c312ee.