

Women-Managed Argan Oil Cooperatives — Inclusive Green Livelihoods in Morocco's UNESCO Argan Biosphere Reserve (1996–present)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Morocco

Quality score: 70/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Over 100 women-managed argan cooperatives in Morocco's Sous-Massa region have given rural Amazigh women income and financial autonomy since 1996; a peer-reviewed 829-household study found members 127–582% more likely to earn, though intermediary capture limits net gains.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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