IMPLEMENTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN A GENDER-SENSITIVE MANNER

“Year of Women’s Empowerment and Development towards Africa’s Agenda 2063”

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Gender Equality

Central to the Bank's ambitious vision
KEY MESSAGES:

• Align funding with commitments - Increased investment in productive sector central women economic empowerment;
• Establish Appropriate Policy Framework - Gender-focused evidence-based diagnostics;
• Women should be targeted beneficiaries of infrastructure investment;
• Foster a safe & secure working environment for women traders;
• Skills and Technology Transfer for women.
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- Women Need to Patriciate Gainfully in Agricultural Value Chains

  - Know your Beneficiary;
  - Carry out gender-focused evidence-based diagnostics;
  - What are her needs?
  - Identify the right instruments for her;
  - Establish appropriate policy framework.

- Is she a farmer?
- Is she a processor?
- Is she a transporter?
- Where is her market?????
- Is she an international exporter?
Evidence-based diagnostics: Key in project preparation and appraisal stage of projects.

**Assets**
- Women have limited access to land ownership
- Limited access to improved inputs
- Limited access to mechanized farming equipment
- Limited access to mechanized processing equipment

**Training**
- Limited knowledge and use of agronomic practices
- Limited processing and business skills
- Limited market knowledge

**Infrastructure**
- Insufficient infrastructure, e.g. unreliable electricity supply, poor roads, limited irrigation

**Financing**
- Limited access to financing

**Access to markets**
- Poor coordination across market actors

**Govt. policy**
- Gender-neutral government regulations and policies

**Time constraints**
- Women smallholder farmers must also meet household obligations

**Source:** Expert interviews; field visits
Align Funding with Commitments: Agricultural Value Chain Financing

- Increased investment in agriculture is central to women’s economic empowerment:
  - Regional resource mobilisation;
  - Supplier credit to women farmers;
  - Lead firm credit to women market intermediaries;
  - Trade Finance for women exporters – Commercial Banks
Infrastructure Investment – Trade Transit Corridor:

- **TARGETED BENEFICIARIES**
  - Increased participation of women at planning and design;
  - Improved access to transport;

- **DEFACTO BENEFICIARIES**
  - Minimal participation of women at planning and design;
  - Continued difficulties accessing transport;
Targeted Beneficiaries
- Improved access to transport-related logistics;
- Improved understanding of Customs and border entry & exit formalities;
- Reduced Incidences of gender-based sexual violence (GBSV).

Defacto Beneficiary
- Limited access to transport-related logistics;
- Continued incidences of GBSV.
Road Economy: Development of economic activities for women along the corridor - an integrated approach that includes access to: electricity, water and finance and training.
We have already seen results
African Women Economic Empowerment Financing Facility

...Investing in women makes Economic cents
THANK YOU