WHAT IS WEESA?

Women’s Economic Empowerment in South Asia (WEESA) is a dynamic community of practice that strives to foster regional exchange, dialogue, and capacity building on women’s economic empowerment (WEE) in South Asia. WEESA is hosted by the World Bank’s South Asia Gender Innovation Lab (SAR GIL).

WHY JOIN OUR COMMUNITY?

COLLABORATION and knowledge sharing

WEESA’s community of practice serves as a virtual hub where researchers, policymakers, development practitioners, and other stakeholders can engage in vibrant discussions, share experiences, and collaborate on innovative approaches to empower South Asian women economically.

RESOURCE REPOSITORY for expanding the evidence-base

WEESA’s website provides a comprehensive repository of research papers, reports, case studies, toolkits, and best practices aimed at equipping individuals and organizations with the necessary knowledge to drive evidence-based action.

MONTHLY DIGEST featuring the latest research

Our carefully curated newsletter, delivered once a month to your inbox, contains WEE-related research, reports, blogs, and stories largely focused on South Asia, with innovative research and best practice examples from around the world that offer a global perspective.

Learning events cover groundbreaking research

WEESA hosts webinars and events that provide a platform for experts, practitioners, and thought leaders to share their insights, exchange ideas, and spark meaningful discussions.

Support to foster local knowledge generation

To facilitate action on the ground, WEESA occasionally provides support for innovative research studies and pilot initiatives that address WEE-related challenges and opportunities to eligible individuals and organizations in South Asia.
OUR GOALS

1️⃣ ENHANCE ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND SKILLS

WEESA is committed to ensuring that women have equal access to the resources and skills necessary for economic success. We showcase research that examines constraints to WEE in South Asia and what works to overcome these constraints, focusing on levers such as capital, market access, childcare, training, safe transport, digital inclusion, and interventions to change social norms, among others.

2️⃣ PROMOTE GENDER-RESPONSIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

WEESA actively promotes gender-responsive policies and practices at the regional, national, and local levels. We work with policymakers, development practitioners, researchers, and other stakeholders to advocate for policies and interventions that address gender gaps, eliminate discrimination, and create an enabling environment for empowering women economically.

3️⃣ CATALYZE EVIDENCE-BASED ACTION

WEESA is committed to translating evidence into action. We believe in the power of evidence-based solutions to drive meaningful change in policies and interventions that can have a lasting impact on women’s ability to achieve economic empowerment in South Asia.

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