



## WHAT IS WEESA?

WEESA, which stands for Women's Economic Empowerment in South Asia, is hosted by the World Bank's South Asia Gender Innovation Lab (SAR GIL). It is a community of practice (CoP) dedicated to promoting gender equality and advancing economic opportunities for women by facilitating regional exchange, dialogue, and capacity building on women's economic empowerment (WEE) in South Asia.



## WHY JOIN OUR COMMUNITY?



### Digital Hub: Collaborate and share knowledge

The WEESA CoP is a virtual hub where researchers, policymakers, development practitioners, and other stakeholders can engage in vibrant discussions, share experiences, and collaborate on innovative approaches for empowering women economically.



### Resource Repository: Expand knowledge and evidence base

WEESA's knowledge bank of WEE-related resources offers valuable references for members, equipping them with data, analysis, and information to support evidence-based action. To facilitate targeted reviews, this repository of research papers, reports, case studies, and toolkits are categorized by WEE-related themes and South Asian countries.



### Newsletter: Stay updated with the latest research

Our carefully curated monthly digest focuses on the latest in WEE-related research. It features research reports, articles, blogs, and podcasts on South Asia as well as global perspectives from around the world.



### Learning events cover groundbreaking research

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



### Small grants to foster local knowledge generation

WEESA occasionally provides support to eligible individuals and organizations in South Asia. These small grants are intended to foster innovative research or pilot initiatives that address WEE-related challenges and opportunities.





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## WHAT WE DO

### 1 DRIVE IMPACTFUL CHANGE

WEESA is committed to translating evidence into action. We believe in the power of evidence-based solutions to drive meaningful and lasting change. Our learning events and curated content showcase cutting-edge research and innovations in policy and practice that expand interactive conversations about what works for advancing women's economic participation and empowerment.

### 2 PROMOTE GENDER-RESPONSIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES

WEESA advocates for gender-responsive policies and practices across regional, national, and local levels. Our members are researchers, policymakers, development practitioners, and other key stakeholders interested in how to advance WEE and gender equality in South Asia and elsewhere.

### 3 KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND COLLABORATION

WEESA is dedicated to disseminating and exchanging knowledge and information to strengthen and empower women's economic success. We promote networking, collaboration, and the active engagement of our community members to share and compare experiences and ensure that diverse perspectives are heard and valued.



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