

Biashara Loans, Kenya Women Microfinance Bank (KWFT)

Public Service Internship and Apprenticeship Programme Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) – Kenya Mentorship Programme.

National Policy for Prevention and Response to Gender Based Violence

Presidential Directive on COVID-19 Pandemic of March 2020

Creche Programme Initiative of Tharaka Nithi County Government.

Partnerships and Networks

- Kenya National Bureau of Statistic
- Tharaka Nithi County Government
- Institute of Economic Affairs Inclusion
- Economics Yale (at the Economic Growth Center and MacMillan Center), Yale University.
- EMERGE, University of California, San Diego
- Ministry of Public Service and Gender
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife
- National Gender Equality Commission (NGEC)
- Federation of Kenya Employers (FKE)
- Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM)
- Population Council of Kenya
- Action Aid
- UN-Women
- The Policy Lab, University of Melbourne
- The Busara Center for Behavioral Economics
- John Hopkins School of Public Health
- IWWAGE, New Delhi, India
- WEE Hub, University of Nairobi
- International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
- Strategic Impact, UK Ltd
- Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia
- Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD)

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**An Initiative for What Works
to Advance Women's
Economic Empowerment
(IWWEE) in Kenya.**



Preamble

Kenyatta University is implementing a five year project on *Initiative for What Works to Advance Women's Economic Empowerment* funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Initiative is housed at KU-WEE Hub at Main Campus.

Vision

A society free of gender inequities and inequalities with economically empowered women.

Mission

Generation of robust evidence to inform women's economic empowerment policies and programmes.

Goal

To promote women's economic empowerment through policy driven research.

Core Values

Gender equality, teamwork, accountability

Objectives

- To enhance women's engagement and influence in all spheres of the economy.
- To increase women's employability through training and skilling
- To Prevent and reduce Sexual and Gender-based Violence and secure women's economic empowerment.
- To construct women's economic empowerment indices for tracking progress made in empowering women.
- To promote gender responsive budgeting process.
- To strengthen capacity to conduct policy driven research and generate gender data and statistics.

Theme	Research Areas
Role of women in Public and Private Sectors.	Closing gender gaps in management and leadership positions.
	Women in corporate governance
	Women in Manufacturing
	Construction of women's economic empowerment index
Skilling and Mentoring	Gender responsible budgeting
	Women's access to transferrable skills
	Apprenticeships, internships, mentorships and women's work.
Violence, Crisis, and Women's Work	Women's capacity building through lifelong learning.
	Sexual Gender-based Violence response and prevention programmes.
	Gendered impacts of COVID-19 policy responses.
	Childcare Programmes

Expected Project Outcomes

Utilization of research evidence by government, development partners, NGOs and the private sectors to shape policies, programmes, interventions and advocacy efforts to enhance women's economic empowerment.

Sample of policies and programmes being studied.

Kenya National Policy on Gender Development. Public Service Scheme
Female Future Leadership Programme of Federation of Kenya Employers
Women in Manufacturing of the Kenya Association of Manufacturers.
Competency Based Curriculum, Ministry of Education Competency-based Education and Training, MoE