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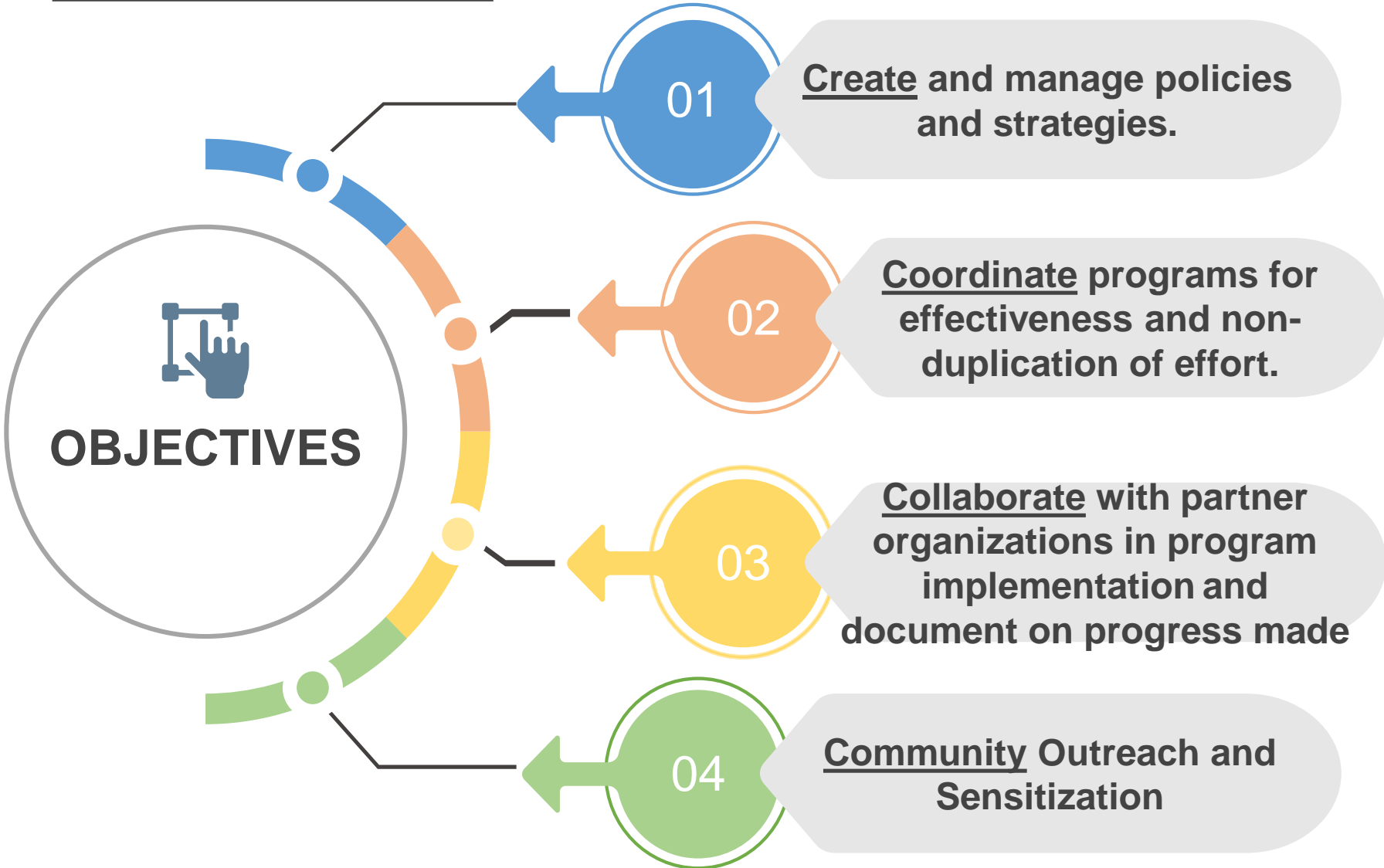
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**SPECIAL PROGRAMS STATE DEPARTMENT FOR GENDER**

**SOCIO ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION GENDER SECTOR WORKING GROUP**

**REPORT July 2022**

## INTRODUCTION



- Members meet quarterly,
- The membership has grown from 43 to 53 organizations since the last meeting

## **PROGRESS REPORT-VISION 2030**

### **Medium Term Plan ( MTP.IV)- 2023-2027**

**The members participated in the review of MTP III and drafting of MTPIV**

*Women Empowerment initiatives has ben incorporated into the plan with 3 key intervention*

*namely*

- The Implementation of women economic empowerment policy 2022
- The formulation of unpaid Care and Domestic Work Policy which will reduce care burden on women and enable them engage in gainful socio-economic activities
- Women entrepreneurs capacity development through access to finance and financial literacy and utilization of digital platforms to access markets.

**PROGRESS REPORT-POLICY AND STRATEGY**

**National Women  
Economic Empowerment  
Policy (NWEEP)-2022**

- ❖ At final stages. Emerging issues such as Covid-19 and climate change were incorporated during Naivasha workshop.
- ❖ Approval done by National Development Implementation Technical Committee (NDITC) in June 2022 and forwarded to National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee (NDICCC) for Clearance and forward submission to parliament for approval.



**Formulation and Development  
of Unpaid care work policy**

- ❖ Formation of technical working group has been done and stakeholders consultative forum held
- ❖ Training of MDAs, gender focal points and gender county officers on unpaid care and domestic work has been done.
- ❖ Training for other stakeholders is ongoing.

**Consultative  
Forums**

- ❖ A National Consultative Forum for Women's Economic Agenda was hosted by University of Nairobi, WEE, WEE Hub and UN women in which research findings on WEE and Women's Agenda for Policy Advocacy was shared.
- ❖ A study on Fiscal Stimulus packages and recovery efforts adopted in response to the Covid-19 health and economic crisis was done by UN women.
- ❖ Kenyatta University WEE Hub hosted International Women Economic Empowerment Forum.

**PROGRESS REPORT-DIGITAL PLATFORMS AND INITIATIVES**



Ongoing Promotion & Sensitization to women on 50 Million African Women Speak Platform.



KEPSA is running mentorship programs which include Ajira Digital Project aimed at training and equipping youth with digital skills for online jobs



Women in Business partnered with the KEPSA and Google to help their members enhance their online profiles



Supports women to access markets and build E-commerce businesses

**PROGRESS REPORT-COLLABORATION WITH PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

**University of  
Nairobi WEE Hub**

Conducted a research on AGPO where access was found to be the main challenge

**Kenyatta  
University WEE  
Hub**

Projects on women Economic Empowerment which include women skilling and mentorship

**JPAL/IPA**

It gave grants to enterprises in the informal sector during the covid-19 period and mentorship programs

**ICRW**

Support to institutions that engage in Women Economic Empowerment research in Kenya

**IDRC**

Focus is gender equality and inclusion and care economy

**PROGRESS REPORT-COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SENSITIZATION**

**Promotion of activities aimed at enhancing vulnerable women including widows**

- ❖ Capacity building of Women on financial literacy cross border trade and access to affirmative funds.
- ❖ 1,000 women were sensitized.

- ❖ Sensitizations were carried out to Kenya Defense Forces wives', widows and families in 12 camps across the country.
- ❖ International Widows' Day celebrated on 23rd June in Siaya County, attended by several dignitaries.
- ❖ Sensitization on Thamini loan by the WEF is ongoing.

## Disbursement of affirmative funds to women, youth and PwDs.....



Uwezo has disbursed Kes 6.95 billion to **1,088,757** beneficiaries

NGAAF set aside **Kes 24 million** to combat the effects of Covid-19. Supports affirmative groups mainly in manufacturing and agricultural activities

**1.8 million** beneficiaries by WEF since inception. Market support offered to 22,000 women. Thamini loan launched for widows. 20 million women trained in partnership with Coca Cola Company. Introduction of virtual training on online loan application;

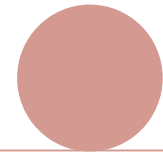
**2.1 million** beneficiaries. Over 30,000 youths benefitted from overseas employment during covid-19 period. Training on online marketing, strategic partnership and negotiating for supply contracts

- ❖ The aim was to identify areas of collaboration in supporting women financial capability and business training skills
- ❖ The financial institutions engaged are, **Equity, Uwezo, Faulu, SMEP, Caritas, AFC, Momentum, Musoni, Unaitas, Century, Rafiki.**



## **PRIORITIES**

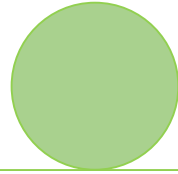
1. Convene the first quarter sub sector meeting to deliberate on the new year's work plan and mobilize resources
2. Finalize the National Women Economic Empowerment Policy 2022
3. Disseminate the Women Economic Empowerment Strategy 2020-2025;
4. Develop dissemination tools and training manual for Women Economic Empowerment ( WEE) strategy, 2020-2025
5. Formulate the national policy on unpaid care and domestic work and develop implementation action plan
6. Sensitize women entrepreneurs on utilization business digital platforms in accessing national and international market



## **LESSONS LEARNT**

1. Engage more with grass root women – women living in rural areas who are less digital;
2. Engage more partners;
3. Leverage on technology;
4. There is urgent need for the sector to come up with strategies of empowering Gender Based Violence Survivors.





## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

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- ✓ Formulate a resource mobilization strategy that will address resource gaps and support the coordination role of social economic gender sector working groups at the counties. The task force will provide forums for agencies involved in women economic empowerment programs to share knowledge mobilize resources and executive recovery programs without duplication to avoid wastages;
- ✓ Provide technical assistance to develop recovery plans for women-owned SME's, through engagement of business management experts;

- ✓ Develop a framework to monitor business recovery and growth process for women owned SME's;
- ✓ Accelerate finalization of National Women Economic Empowerment policy (NWEPP). The policy has elaborate framework to guide women economic empowerment programs through integrated approach

***The economic and social imperative for women's economic empowerment is clear. Greater gender equality boosts economic growth and leads to better development outcomes. It contributes to reducing income inequality and boosting economic diversification and, in turn, supports economic resilience. IMF Policy paper 2018***

