



Innovative Financing for Development

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Context

*\$2.5 trillion per annum funding gap
for the
Sustainable Development Goals*

Innovative financing for women entrepreneurs

The programme has contributed to unlocking US\$59 million in private capital to support women entrepreneurs

Women's Livelihood Bond

Debt security mobilizing private investment capital to fund a portfolio of loans to women focused borrowers



Impact Investment Fund

Private equity gender lens investing fund developed for SE Asia and Bangladesh



Guarantee Fund

Credit guarantee fund across 5 financial service providers, targeting small enterprises.



Challenge Fund

Co-funds and provides technical and financial support to companies to pilot innovative digital solutions and/or digital financial solutions which support women entrepreneurs



Innovations at the intersection of finance and technology



SKYEYE LTD: Samoa's first payment gateway, integrating mobile money payment services, bank partners' and SkyEye's Maua online marketplace



HFC BANK: Digital savings and digital savings-based micro loans solution



SPARROW PAY: Financial and digital literacy training, and a digital marketplace linked with a bulk payment system



SHE INVESTMENTS: First ever mobile bookkeeping app in Cambodia supporting women to maintain the financial records needed to access loans



IFARMER: Digital agriculture lending platform linking urban farm investors to rural women farmers, and enhanced with training & financial management support

Government Innovative Financing Policy

Market Facilitator

Impact stock exchanges (Malaysia)

Market Regulator

Fiscal incentives (Thailand)

Market Participant

Access to capital (Bangladesh)

Social impact bonds (Republic of Korea)

Outcome Fund (Malaysia)

Key Questions

Would these innovative financing mechanisms and policy measures work in the education sector?

Would they be relevant to the Pacific context?

Recommendations

- 1 Problem first, solution second.
- 2 Use the relevant innovative financing mechanism.
- 3 Engage private sector tech expertise.
- 4 Meet a real education/skills need.
- 5 Implement incentivizing policies.
- 6 Consider the investment culture.



Thank You

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