



DRIVER 5 TOOLKIT

HOW TO CHANGE BUSINESS CULTURE AND PRACTICE



The United Nations (UN) Secretary-General established the High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment in 2016 to bring together leaders from different constituencies—government, civil society, business and international organizations—to launch a shared global agenda that accelerates women's economic participation and empowerment in support of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its promise that no one will be left behind.

The first report of the High-Level Panel (September 2016) examined the case for women's economic empowerment and identified seven drivers for addressing systemic barriers to women's economic empowerment. These seven drivers were further explored by working groups, comprising High-Level Panel members and other stakeholders. Each working group prepared a paper with specific recommendations for transformative change.

The second report of the High Level Panel (March 2017) provided a synthesis of the recommendations of each of the seven working groups within the framework of the essential enabling environment to accelerate and deepen the impact of the seven drivers. In addition to the working group papers, each working group prepared a toolkit, focusing on how to take forward the recommendations of the working group, along with case studies and good practices where relevant.

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High-Level Panel reports and working group papers and toolkits are all available online.

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INTRODUCTION

Engaging women in business is the smart thing to do and the right thing to do. Women are involved with businesses at every level of the value chain: as employees, suppliers, customers, leaders and influencers.

The United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel's first report set out clear and concrete benefits to the private sector of promoting women's economic empowerment at every level of the value chain, ranging from attracting and retaining top talent to significantly increasing returns on inclusive procurement spending, to sustaining value chains and generating positive reputational value that encourages increased consumer spending. The recommendations from the second report provide a clear blueprint for companies to incorporate women's economic empowerment into their business strategy at every level of the value chain. This toolkit provides case studies and useful links to help stakeholders implement the

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Conduct an internal self-audit.
- 2. Provide incentives to frontline management and hold managers accountable.
- 3. Consider setting procurement targets for sourcing from women-owned enterprises.
- 4. Map value chains to ensure ethical sourcing and workers' rights.

To learn more, High-Level Panel resources and publications:

United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment. 2017. Leave No One Behind: Taking Action for Transformational Change on Women's Economic Empowerment. New York: United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment.

A value chain approach to the business case



As designers, suppliers. contractors. marketers. distributors, home workers, small producers and informal workers

Sourcing from women-owned enterprises can strengthen and improve access to premium markets.

As leaders in communities and businesses

One more woman in senior management or on a corporate board is associated with 8-13 basis points higher return on assets.

As employees

Companies in top quartile for gender diversity are 15 percent more likely to have financial returns above national industry means.

As constituents and customers

Women make or influence 80 percent women can enhance of buying decisions and control US\$20 trillion in global spending.

As contributors to positive public image

A commitment to a company's reputation.

As individual community members influencing the market and policy conditions

More than one in three private sector leaders report increased profits following efforts to empower women in emerging markets.

recommendations.

 United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment (with Tyson, L., and J. Klugman). 2016. Leave No One Behind: A Call to Action for Gender Equality and Women's Economic Empowerment. New York: United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment (includes numerous case studies and briefing papers).

HOW TO GET STARTED?

RECOMMENDATION 1: CONDUCT AN INTERNAL SELF-AUDIT

Businesses

Businesses should conduct a brief internal self-audit to establish a baseline for your current engagement with women and to illuminate the most urgently needed opportunities for transformation. This should then be regularly reviewed to assess progress.

The self-audit incorporates the following questions:

Pay: Is pay equal for women and men for work of equal value at all levels?

Consider both financial remuneration and benefits, including social security and health coverage, and gender-neutral family benefits, such as paid family and parental leave and flexible work for men and women. If you have paid leave for both sexes, are men using it?

Employment: What is the workforce balance of women and men at all levels, including home workers?

Consider the balance of women and men in each department/specialty, including how many women are represented in more traditionally male-dominated roles, such as finance, accounting, engineering and construction, and how many women are at each level. Examine whether recruitment processes exhibit a gender bias and whether they prioritize university degrees in subjects that are typically male dominated.

Leadership: What is the board/executive balance of women and men?

Has succession planning been developed with an eye to future male and female representation in leadership positions? Are there any female executives and board members in traditionally male-dominated roles (e.g., chair, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief product officer, chief technology officer)? If so, what is the balance of female and male leadership? **Procurement:** How much do you spend with companies that are majority-owned by women?

Do you have a baseline with targets for sourcing products and services from businesses that are at least 51% owned, managed and controlled by one or more women?

Corporate social responsibility: Do you have or fund programmes for women and have you applied a gender lens to all of your initiatives?

If you have programs or fund programs targeting women, are they integrated into your companywide strategy for women's advancement along your value chain? Do you know how many men and women benefit from your programs? Have you learned anything about women's economic empowerment from these programs that could be shared internally and externally?

Suppliers: Are you asking your suppliers these questions?

As you map your answers to these questions, encourage your first-tier suppliers to also answer them. Provide your suppliers with tips for how to conduct this self-audit and how to engage their first-tier suppliers.

CASE STUDY 1 Unilever

In 2014, as part of the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan "refresh," the company looked across the whole value chain and mapped out the programmes and partnerships already in place and the areas that needed additional focus. The result was a more robust Enhancing Livelihoods goal, with new or expanded commitments to give women opportunities to enhance the quality of their lives. The Unilever Sustainable Living Plan serves as a blueprint for sustainable growth and contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals. It includes an "Opportunities for Women" commitment, which cuts across the entire value chain and focuses on the three enablers of rights, skills and opportunities. The partnerships and advocacy also support the broader gender equality agenda through global alliances and platforms, including the endorsement of the Women's Empowerment Principles. The partnerships and advocacy also drive transformational change by featuring more progressive portrayals of both women and men in ad campaigns for their many brands.

HOW CAN I BECOME ENGAGED AND ENGAGE AND ACTIVATE MY ORGANIZATION, COMMUNITY AND PEER GROUP?

RECOMMENDATION 2: PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO FRONTLINE MANAGEMENT AND HOLD MANAGERS ACCOUNTABLE

The gender pay gap, lack of mid-career progression for women and dearth of women in leadership roles (among many other challenges) can often be traced to one critical pinch point—frontline managers who do not support or understand the company's goals.

Businesses

Businesses should set clear goals and incentives for frontline managers, which are visibly promoted and supported by senior management.

- Case study on BLC Bank with additional facts and figures. Scott, L., and E. Paris, forthcoming, Bringing Women into Banks: BLC Lebanon Proves a Strategy for Financial Inclusion. Oxford, UK: University of Oxford.
- BLC Bank Lebanon: Leading in Banking on Women—A Study. A detailed study of BLC Bank's We Initiative demonstrating the success of its efforts to grow its female customer base, particularly among small businesses led by women. IFC (International Finance Corporation). 2016. BLC Bank Lebanon: Leading in Banking on Women—A Study. Learning Study on Impact of Banking on Women Programs in Europe, Central Asia, Middle East, and North Africa. Washington, DC: IFC.
- "Research: Vague Feedback is Holding Women Back." Harvard Business Review tips for managers on giving good feedback. Correll, S., and C. Simard. 2016. "Research: Vague Feedback Is Holding Women Back." Harvard Business Review April 29.
- Women in the Workplace. A comprehensive study of women in corporate America.
 McKinsey & Co. and LeanIn. 2016. Women in the Workplace 2016. New York: McKinsey & Co.
- The PwC Diversity Journey: Creating Impact, Achieving Results. A report of PwC's diversity efforts, including lessons learned and numerous case studies. PwC. 2016. The PwC Diversity Journey: Creating Impact, Achieving Results. London: PwC.
- SheWorks: Putting Gender-Smart Commitments into Practice at the Workplace. A report from the IFC's Gender Secretariat highlighting private sector efforts in recruiting, retaining and promoting women. IFC Gender Secretariat. 2016. SheWorks: Putting Gender-Smart

- Commitments into Practice at the Workplace. Washington, DC: IFC
- Women's Financial Inclusion: A Driver of Global Growth. Women's World Banking report including recommendations for the private sector on how to engage more successfully with women. Women's World Banking.
 2016. Women's Financial Inclusion: A Driver of Global Growth. New York, NY: Women's World Banking.
- Unlocking Female Employment Potential in Europe: Drivers and Benefits. IMF study on female labourforce participation in Europe with policy recommendations for closing the gender gap. IMF (International Monetary Fund). 2016. Unlocking Female Employment Potential in Europe: Drivers and Benefits. Washington, DC: IMF.
- "Everyday Moments of Truth: Frontline Managers Are Key to Women's Aspirations." Bain study on the importance of frontline managers to women's career progression. Coffman, J., and B. Neuenfeldt. 2014. "Everyday Moments of Truth: Frontline Managers Are Key to Women's Aspirations." *Insights*. Boston, MA: Bain and Company.
- Harvard Business School Seminar on Gender Equality Behavioral Nudges. Video presentation on the value of nudges to advancing gender equality. Bohnet, I. 2010. "Women and Public Policy Program Seminar: Gender Equality Nudges." Video. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Business School.
- McKinsey's Women Matter portal. Articles, case studies and reports on women in the workplace.
- Bloomberg's Financial Services Gender-Equality Index. First of its kind index that measures company statistics, policies, products and community engagement.

Governments

Governments can convene private sector actors to create a "race to the top" through shared goals and public recognition of progress.

- A case study of how the United Kingdom is responding to the gender pay gap. Clarke-Billings, L. 2016. "British Government 'Turbocharges' Closure of Gender Pay Gap." Newsweek. October 12.
- Update on UK gender pay gap. Government of the United Kingdom. 2016. "UK Gender Pay Gap: The UK Gender Pay Gap Is at Its Lowest Level Ever." London: Gov.uk.
- UK gender pay gap by profession. Government of the United Kingdom. 2016. "New Website Reveals Gender Pay Gap by Profession." Press release. London: Gov.uk.

 UK Hampton-Alexander review to increase number of women in the executive pipeline. Government of the United Kingdom. 2016. "FTSE 100 Executive Pipeline Needs More Women, Say Top Business Bosses." London: Gov.uk.

Civil society

Civil society organizations should advocate for effective diversity and inclusion policies and hold companies accountable for their commitments through platforms, indexes and awards.

- Edge Certification. The Global Business Certification Standard for Gender Quality.
- Equal Salary Foundation. The world's first certification for equal pay.
- Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)
 review of stock exchange efforts to address
 gender equality. PRI (Principles for Responsible Investment). 2017. "Stock Exchanges
 among the Leaders in Addressing Gender
 Equality." News. London: PRI Association.
- A global report on private sector practices in gender equality quantifies the magnitude of gender disparities and tracks their progress over time. WEF (World Economic Forum). 2016. Global Gender Gap Report 2016. Geneva: WEF.
- Catalyst.org. An organization committed to accelerating progress for women through workplace inclusion.

RECOMMENDATION 3: CONSIDER SETTING PROCUREMENT TARGETS FOR SOURCING FROM WOMEN-OWNED ENTERPRISES

Businesses

Businesses should consider setting procurement targets for sourcing from women-owned enterprises. This can be extremely successful in boosting economic returns to corporate buyers, as well as getting money into the hands of women entrepreneurs, thus strengthening their opportunities to grow and expand and ensuring supply chain sustainability.

- The Business Case for Global Supplier Diversity and Inclusion: The Critical Contributions of Women and Other Underutilized Suppliers to Corporate Value Chains. WEConnect International's report on the benefits of sourcing from women-owned and -controlled businesses. Vazquez, E. A., and B. Frankel. 2017. The Business Case for Global Supplier Diversity and Inclusion: The Critical Contributions of Women and Other Underutilized Suppliers to Corporate Value Chains. Washington, DC: WEConnect International.
- Gold standard self-assessment for global supplier diversity and inclusion. WEConnect

CASE STUDY 2 BLC Bank

BLC Bank in Lebanon recognized women customers as a growth opportunity and knew that getting employee buy-in would be essential for the success of this effort. To shore up internal support, BLC Bank convened a steering committee of representatives from every department in the bank, appointed representatives in each bank branch to monitor implementation and progress, tracked gender disaggregated data and added key performance indicators for the gender goals to each employee's annual review. The bank also set goals for hiring and promoting female employees and for sourcing from womenowned enterprises and developed advertising campaigns that spoke specifically to women's needs and interests. After three years, the internal rate of return for the initiative was 34 percent, the number of women enterprise borrowers increased 82 percent, the outstanding loan portfolio of women-owned enterprises increased 121 percent and the total portfolio of women's deposits grew 65 percent. This twopronged approach of getting manager buy in and holding managers accountable for achieving the goals was a critical lever for creating swift and significant change.

International's self-assessment for organizations seeking to source inclusively from diverse suppliers. WEConnect. 2015. "Global Supplier Diversity & Inclusion: Reaching the Gold Standard." Washington, DC: WEConnect International.

Behavioural nudges can create quick wins that help lead to long-term change

Businesses should:

- Require gender parity for external functions such as award dinners, conference panels and project teams.
- Make diversity and inclusion goals part of regular communications with all staff.
- Publicly reward managers who achieve their gender inclusivity goals, make it high profile and distinctive and ask questions of those who do not.

Women in Enterprise: A Different Perspective.
 An RBS Group report about the influence of gender on entrepreneurial intentions, self-employment and business ownership. Marlow, S., M. Hart, J. Levie, and M. K. Shamsul. 2013.

 Women in Enterprise: A Different Perspective. Edinburgh: RBS Group.

Governments

Governments can consider leading by example with inclusive sourcing policies and practices, while also making it easier for women to start and grow businesses, access markets, access capital and hire new employees.

- High-Level Panel Driver 6 Toolkit: "How to Improve Public Sector Practices in Employment and Procurement."
- Small Business Association of the United States Women-Owned-Small Business Contracting Program.

Civil society

Civil society organizations can provide skills training, create networking opportunities where women-owned enterprises can learn from each other, create market linkages and promote procurement opportunities.

- WEConnect International, a global network that connects women-owned businesses to qualified buyers around the world.
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), the largest third-party certifier of businesses owned, controlled and operated by women in the United States.

CASE STUDY 3 IBM

IBM recognizes that a diverse supplier base is integral to company profitability and strategic objectives—solidifying the connection between customer satisfaction and winning in the marketplace. IBM's global supplier diversity and inclusion program expands purchasing opportunities for businesses owned and operated by minorities, women, lesbians and gays, veterans and service disabled veterans, and disabled persons. Building and maintaining a community of diverse suppliers increases IBM's opportunity to hear new ideas, apply different approaches and gain access to additional solutions that respond to customer needs. Such collaboration helps IBM deliver innovation, quality products and world-class service to a growing global marketplace.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), represents and protects the livelihoods of homeworkers.

RECOMMENDATION 4: MAP VALUE CHAINS TO ENSURE ETHICAL SOURCING AND WORKERS' RIGHTS

Businesses

Companies and their suppliers must treat all workers and producers in their value chains decently, humanely and with dignity. Each company undertaking this effort will reap benefits that include greater insight into the production of materials essential to their business, and a reputational boost as a leader in ethical practices, which is highly valued by consumers.

- Ethical Trading Initiative recommendations for working with homeworkers. ETI (Ethical Trading Initiative). 2011. ETI Homeworker Guidelines: Recommendations for Working with Homeworkers. London: ETI.
- Incorporating Small Producers into Formal Retail Supply Chains. A case study on Walmart's efforts to source from female small agricultural producers, with recommendations for responsible sourcing. London, T., L. Scott, and C. Fay. 2016. Incorporating Small Producers into Formal Retail Supply Chains. Ann Arbor, MI: William Davidson Institute, and Oxford, UK: Oxford University Consulting.
- Investing in Women along Agribusiness Value Chains. An IFC report calling for the private sector to invest in closing gaps between men and women in agribusiness. IFC (International Finance Corporation). 2016. Investing in Women along Agribusiness Value Chains. Washington, DC: IFC.
- Working in the Shadows: Women Home Workers in Global Supply Chains. A report on homeworkers in South Asia. Sinha, S., and F. Mehrotra. 2016. Working in the Shadows: Women Home Workers in the Global Supply Chain. Ahmedabad, India: HomeNet South Asia.
- "Capturing the Gains: Economic and Social Upgrading of Global Production Networks." An international research network that looks at the role of the private sector, civil society, national governments and international organizations in securing real gains for poorer workers and producers in the South. Capturing the Gains. 2010. "Capturing the Gains: Economic and Social Upgrading in Global Production Networks." Manchester, UK: University of Manchester, Capturing the Gains Programme.
- Ethical Clothing Australia's Homeworkers Code of Practice. The Homeworkers Code of Practice is a voluntary code developed by the

Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia to ensure homeworkers or outworkers involved in the production of textiles, clothing and footwear receive legal protection.

Governments

Governments can consider enacting and enforcing legislation that recognizes the rights of workers in agriculture, home work and informal work.

International frameworks

- ILO Recommendation Concerning the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy, 2015 (No. 204)
- ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189)
- ILO Home Work Convention, 1996 (No. 177)
- ILO Recommendation Concerning Social Protection Floors, 2012 (No. 202)

A good example of national legislation is the **Thailand Homeworker Protection Act.** HomeNet Thailand, which forms part of HomeNet South East Asia, has been at the forefront of national advocacy efforts calling for progressive legislation and protections for homeworkers. Over the course of 10 years, HomeNet Thailand, with supportive allies, campaigned for a national act that would establish homeworkers' labour rights and social protections. These efforts eventually culminated in passage of the innovative Homeworkers Protection Act in 2010, which provides wide-ranging and practical protections for homeworkers.

Civil society

Civil society organizations can help map corporate value chains using methods that include agriculture, home and informal workers. They can also hold companies accountable through reviews and indexes.

- Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO). A global network of organizations seeking to increase the voice, visibility and validity of the working poor, especially women.
- Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA).
 A trade union of poor, self-employed women.
- HomeNet South Asia, HomeNet South East Asia and HomeNet Eastern Europe. Networks of home-based workers.
- Oxfam's Behind the Brands. Scorecard of agricultural sourcing policies of the world's 10 largest food and beverage companies.
- Ethical Trading Initiative. An alliance of business, civil society and unions that promotes ethical trade and provides guidance on supply chain mapping and corporate commitments to decent work for homeworkers.

- Fair Wear Foundation. A multistakeholder alliance that promotes ethical garment production.
- Worker Rights Consortium. Independent labor rights monitoring organization.
- Women and Social Enterprise: How Gender Integration Can Boost Entrepreneurial Solutions to Poverty. A report with numerous case studies from the Acumen Fund's portfolio on the positive impact of bringing women entrepreneurs into the value chain. Glinski, A. M., L. Soria, N. Stevanovic, L. Winograd, S. Ku, and K. Fritz, et al. 2015. Women and Social Enterprises: How Gender Integration Can Boost Entrepreneurial Solutions to Poverty. New York, NY: Acumen.

CASE STUDY 4 IKEA

ILO and IKEA suppliers in India collaborated on the detailed study Employment Relationships and Working Conditions in an IKEA Rattan Supply Chain (2015). By diving deeply into IKEA's supply chain, the investigators identified a community of subcontractors who hired men and women to work in a weaving center or from home to produce pieces for IKEA's direct suppliers. Subsuppliers were exclusively male, their weaving center workers were more likely male, and home workers were predominantly women. The women were "clearly worse off than men in terms of income earned" and more likely to have families below the poverty line whereas "none of the male homeworker households were below the poverty line." The women workers were much less knowledgeable about the ultimate destination and customer for their products and were more likely to receive threats from their employer not to be "too honest" with interviewers. In addition, parts of IKEA's ethical audit (IWAY), such as regulations for health and safety, could not reasonably be enforced in private homes. IKEA used this report as an opportunity to update its own practices and to provide guidance to other companies about recognizing and supporting informal workers in their value chains.

Source: Lim, L. L. 2015. Employment Relationships and Working Conditions in an Ikea Rattan Supply Chain. Jakarta: International Labour Office.

Five questions for businesses committed to protecting their informal and home workers

Issue	Question to ask	How to take action
Mapping value chains	Have you mapped your value chain?	Map your value chain in partnership with a representative organization of homeworkers.
Commitment	Has your company accepted the role of homeworkers within the value chain and your responsibility towards them?	Make a company commitment towards decent work for homeworkers within your value chain, and inform everyone about it. Insist that your suppliers give written contracts/ orders to homeworkers that include your company name and your commitment to decent work.
Communicating with suppliers	Have you communicated with your suppliers about your commitment towards homeworkers?	Conduct workshops with suppliers communicating your commitment, inform them of the mapping results and ensure that company policy/ Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code is implemented by the suppliers.
Internal review	Have you conducted an internal review to check if the company policy/ETI Base Code is implemented?	Conduct an internal review to monitor progress.
Grievance mechanism	Is there a grievance mechanism for women homeworkers to complain in case the company policy/ETI Base Code is not implemented?	Establish appropriate grievance mechanisms in consultation with homeworkers' representative organizations.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

BUSINESS LEADER ROUND TABLE

High-Level Panel Members Justine Greening, Tina Fordham, Elizabeth Vazquez and Simona Scarpaleggia convened a meeting of business leaders in London to get their input on working with businesses to implement the most effective ways to transform business culture and practice. The self-audit questions noted in the table above are a product of that consultation. The group further emphasized the need for frequent, ongoing self-assessment, which will give each company the intelligence needed to establish baselines, set internal goals and design the changes that are right for their business. The key takeaway from this discussion is that policies that are good for women are good for everyone. Once a business embraces gender equality, extraordinary opportunities emerge for greater economic success for the company, the women and the world

SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZE ENTERPRISES

The High-Level Panel encourages companies of all sizes to take up the second report's recommendations. It is possible for even the smallest companies to do this without sacrificing growth or profitability.

- "How Does Gender Affect the Participation of SMEs in International Trade?" Text of a speech by Arancha González, International Trade Center (2016).
- McRae, P. 2016. "Empowering Women-Owned Businesses in India: IDRC-supported Initiative Helps Female Entrepreneurs Connect to Global Supply Chains." Ottawa: International Development Research Centre.

VALUE CHAIN RESOURCES

 Chan, M. 2010. Improving Opportunities for Women in Smallholder-based Supply Chains.
 Seattle, WA: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

- Christiansen, L., L. Huidan, J. Pereira, P. Topalova, and R. Turk. 2016. "Gender Diversity in Senior Positions and Firm Performance: Evidence from Europe." IMF Working Paper WP/16/50. Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund.
- Dalberg Global Development Advisers and ICRW (International Center for Research on Women). 2014. The Business Case for Women's Economic Empowerment: An Integrated Approach. Chapel Hill, NC: Oak Foundation.
- Hunt, V., D. Layton, and S. Prince. 2015. Why Diversity Matters. New York: McKinsey & Co.
- McKinsey & Co. 2010. The Business of Empowering Women. New York: McKinsey & Co.

Additional observations from the business leader round table

- CEO leadership is critical.
- Win hearts and minds with a strong business case and frequent communication of goals for inclusion.
- Transparency with employees and the public is essential—share data on progress and impact.
- Building an inclusive business includes internal and external engagement along the value chain.
- Investors can be influential advocates for change.
- Market spending can be leveraged to change gender norms in advertising.
- Indexes and public commitments, such as adopting the Women's Empowerment Principles, are extremely valuable for promoting clear measurements, transparency and accountability.

CASE STUDY 5 Papillon Enterprise

Papillon Enterprise is an artisan crafts business founded in 2009 to give parents in Haiti a chance to earn an income and, more broadly, to tackle poverty through sustainable economic empowerment of the poor. From its inception, the company committed to hiring and supporting single mothers by paying them a living wage (three times the minimum wage in Haiti), providing social and medical benefits and, through their nonprofit partner the Apparent Project, offering on-site child care, language and literacy development and computer and software training. Today, the company has an annual revenue stream of US\$1.5M, employs over 200 full-time employees (both men and women) and is expanding its retail operation through an online marketplace and two brick and mortar stores (one in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and the other in Olympia, Washington, USA). Its handicrafts are sold through formal retail chains including Trades of Hope, Simbi, Vine Works and Feed My Starving Children, and it has filled purchase orders for The Gap, West Elm, Macy's and Disney.

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- Women's Economic Empowerment. Saïd Business School Research Papers. Oxford: University of Oxford, Saïd Business School.
- Investing in Women: New Evidence for the Business Case. 2017. IFC case studies on the business case for women's economic empowerment.
- Business Fights Poverty Challenge. A collection of case studies from businesses on women's economic empowerment in supply chains.
- The State of the Field of Gender Lens Investing: A Review and Roadmap. Criterion Institute report with an overview of gender lens investing from 2010 to 2015 and a discussion of critical areas for future attention. Anderson, J., and K. Miles. 2015. The State of the Field of Gender Lens Investing: A Review and a Road Map. Haddam, CT: Criterion Institute.
- "Women Effect." A website from the Wharton Social Impact Initiative with information on gender lens investing.
- Asian Development Bank's Sector Gender Toolkits. Resources for how to design gender inclusive projects across different sectors.

UN RESOURCES

- The Sustainable Development Goals. A set of international goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all.
- Women's Empowerment Principles. Practical guidance to business and the private sector on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and community. UN Women and United Nations Global Compact. 2011. Women's Empowerment Principles: Equality Means Business. 2nd ed. New York, NY: UN Women and United Nations Global Compact.
- OHCHR (United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights). 2011. Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework. New York, NY: United Nations.