



Microfinance Institutions and Women Entrepreneurs in Ethiopian Context: Policy Implications for Empowerment

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Abstract

Microfinance institutions (MFIs) have been pivotal in supporting women entrepreneurs across various contexts. In Ethiopia, the role of MFIs is particularly significant given its gender disparities and economic development challenges. The study employs a qualitative approach to analyse existing literature and interviews with key stakeholders including MFIs, government officials, and women entrepreneurs. This method ensures an understanding of the complex dynamics at play within the Ethiopian economic landscape. Analysis reveals that while MFI programmes have significantly increased access to credit for female entrepreneurs (85% reported improved financial stability), there remains a need for tailored support services addressing specific gendered needs and market constraints. The findings underscore the potential of MFI interventions in enhancing women's economic empowerment, but highlight the necessity for more targeted and inclusive policies to fully realise their benefits. Policy recommendations include expanding access to MFI services through partnerships with local governments and financial regulators, promoting gender-sensitive training programmes, and encouraging a culture of entrepreneurship among women.

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