



Microfinance Institutions and Women Entrepreneurs in Ethiopian Development: A Policy Perspective

Mekdes Abera^{1,2}, Gelane Aberrainiya¹

¹ Bahir Dar University

² Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU)

Published: 15 August 2004 | **Received:** 12 April 2004 | **Accepted:** 27 July 2004

Correspondence: mabera@aol.com

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18803480](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18803480)

Author notes

*Mekdes Abera is affiliated with Bahir Dar University and focuses on Business research in Africa.
Gelane Aberrainiya is affiliated with Bahir Dar University and focuses on Business research in Africa.*

Abstract

Microfinance institutions (MFIs) have been increasingly recognised as a crucial tool for empowering women entrepreneurs in developing countries. The analysis is based on secondary data from government reports, academic studies, and interviews with MFI representatives and beneficiaries. A notable finding was the significant increase (30%) in women's entrepreneurship rates attributed to MFIs' support programmes over a five-year period. MFIs play a pivotal role in enhancing economic opportunities for women entrepreneurs in Ethiopia, but further tailored interventions are needed to fully leverage their potential. Policy makers should consider implementing more targeted and inclusive financial inclusion strategies that specifically cater to the needs of female entrepreneurs.

Keywords: *African development, microfinance, women entrepreneurship, empowerment strategies, rural economies, qualitative analysis, gender economics*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge