

Current Country and Regional Gender Work

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Presentation Outline

- Key Points:
 - I. Current Bank Gender projects in MNA
 - II. A listing of Bank projects in MNA that incorporate Gender

I. Bank Gender Projects in MNA = 12 Egypt (1)

EGYPT COUNTRY GENDER ASSESSMENT

Analytical work to empower women in Egypt with a specific focus on labor market access.

Strategic Objective

- Focus on persistent and high unemployment of women that prevented Egypt from reaching the targets.

Policy questions

- What are the disincentives to hiring women?
- Are the protective legislation in place the right kind to help Egyptian working women?
- Is the economic growth creating the right kind of job for women or is the growth mainly in male-dominated sectors?

Bank Gender Projects in MNA cont'd

Iraq (2)

IRAQ HOUSEHOLD SURVEY AND POLICIES FOR POVERTY REDUCTION

The objective of the proposed project is to strengthen the ability of the GOI to make informed decisions towards reducing poverty, creating jobs and protecting the vulnerable. The draft strategy includes 6 priorities one of which is reduced disparities between poor women and men.

Strategic objective - *strengthening the ability of Iraqi officials to:*

- Collect and analyze data on poverty and unemployment;
- Develop information-based strategies to reduce poverty, generate employment, and improve the functioning of social safety nets; and
- Assess the effect of economic policy options on both poverty and employment, including the impact of sequencing reforms and policies.
- The project is also being developed by an inter-ministerial committee, including representation from the Ministry of Women's Affairs.

IRAQ POVERTY ASSESSMENT AND POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

- The examination of how female headed households differ from male headed households;
- Gender disaggregation in labor markets, education and health; and
- A focus on fertility issues.

Bank Gender Projects in MNA cont'd

Jordan (2)

EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG WOMEN GRADUATES IN JORDAN

Technical assistance to assist in designing policies toward creating an enabling environment for job creation for young female graduates in partnership with the private sector.

Strategic Objective

- The project is expected to provide short and long term gender-specific interventions on promoting access to the labor market for young women in Jordan.

MEASURING THE IMPACT OF NATIONAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES ON GENDER EQUALITY IN JORDAN

This project intends to enhance the capacity and knowledge of government institutions and ministries to monitor and evaluate the impact of policies and strategies on gender equality.

Bank Gender Projects in MNA cont'd

Morocco (2)

RURAL LAND TITLING AND FEMALE OWNERSHIP IN MOROCCO

An Economic Sector Work report on the differential impact of land titling depending on female (co-)-ownership – forthcoming.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS IN MOROCCO

A randomized impact evaluation that intends to assess the Government's pilot program of conditional cash transfers.

- The impact evaluation will assess whether :
 - The increase in the amount of conditional cash transfers for girls has an effect on reducing school drop-outs.
 - There exists a differential impact in households and decisions, if any, in situations when the transfers are given to mothers as opposed to fathers.

Bank Gender Projects in MNA cont'd

Saudi Arabia (1)

SAUDI ARABIA MUNICIPAL URBAN OBSERVATORIES (MADINAH & JEDDAH)

Provide technical assistance to local urban observatories to : collect urban household data; analyze socio-economic indicators; and develop policy and programs to address urban issues related to poverty, employment, female headed households and youth.

■ Study on Female Headed-Households and Women's Development in Al- Madinah

- Conduct an assessment of the household data
- Look at problems faced by women and female-headed households with regards to their access to economic opportunities and resources.
- Provide policy recommendations to support the development of women and FHHs through more efficient and equitable access to public services and to economic and income generating opportunities.

In addition to providing concrete recommendations, the note will also inform and educate the municipality and other stakeholders about gender issues in economic development.

■ Study on Socio-economic Issues and Women's Employment in Jeddah – forthcoming in 2010

Bank Gender Projects in MNA cont'd

Yemen (2) & WBG (2)

YEMEN

- The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Girls' education
 - Transfers to Mothers (versus Fathers) has a positive impact on Women's empowerment and Human Capital Formation
- Girls Secondary Education

WEST BANK AND GAZA

- A research on Palestinian Women Under Conflict: an Economic Perspective.
 - Examines barriers to Palestinian women's participation in the labor market as a result of the prevailing conflict conditions. It will pay specific attention to women's earnings, type of work and its impact on the household.
- West Bank and Gaza- Palestinian NGO III
 - Demand driven project that provides social services with women as a key target group. Activities include skills training, psychosocial support etc. that strengthen women's ability to participate in the economy.

II. Bank Projects that Incorporate Gender = 10

- **Djibouti** - Urban Poverty Reduction Project – urban infrastructure and waste disposal upgrading involves capacity building and involvement of women associations in the project preparation and design and community development component for skills training for women and micro-credit.
- **Jordan** - Conservation of Medicinal and Herbal Plants Project
 - ensure that information relating to project activities reach both men and women;
 - target women in the communities, as well as women's organizations, for education and awareness on biodiversity and M/I plants conservation and safe use;
 - support women to conserve existing NI/H plants through cultivation;
 - promote mechanisms for the active and full participation of women, especially healers and birth attendants in Traditional Healer Associations;
 - target them for access to micro-credit facilities: and
 - include women in grower's and producer's organizations.

Bank Projects that Incorporate Gender cont'd

■ Morocco (3)

- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project - each Sanitation Management Team (SMT) will include a female member and the SMTs will promote the inclusion of women in the Water Administrative (WUA) committee.
- National Initiative for Human Development (INDH) - Improve the inclusiveness, accountability and transparency of decision making and implementation processes at the local level in order to enhance use of social and economic infrastructure and services by poor and vulnerable groups, and in particular women.
- Basic Education Reform Support Program - Support to the Government to enhance equitable access and retention in education (especially in secondary education), and to deliver quality literacy programs with a focus on women (especially in Morocco) contribute to enhance their capacity and therefore to increase their ability to capture economic opportunities.

Additional Engendered Projects in MNA

■ Yemen (5)

- Public Expenditure Review (PER) Includes review of education, health, water, and agriculture sectors. All of these sectors will be engendered through, among other things, benefit and demand incidence analysis.
- Children and Youth Action Plan
- Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock - Support Women's income activities through livestock development which is mainly women's activities
- Fisheries Resource and Conservation Project – involve capacity building of women groups and associations for their role in fishing.
- Integrated Urban Development Project – upgrade of settlements has additional complementary component that will help women access to microfinance associated with skills training.

Thank you