

# The Importance of Infrastructure in the World Bank Group's Gender Action Plan (GAP)



*gender equality as smart economics*

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# GAP Objectives

*Advance **women's economic empowerment** in client countries to:*

- Promote shared growth
- Accelerate the implementation of MDG 3: promote gender equality and empower women

# Guiding Principles

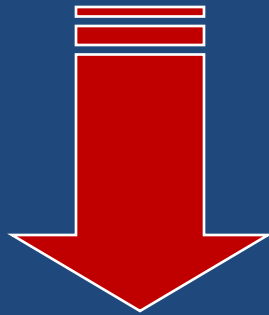
- Selective coverage
- Tailored to country realities
- Evidence-based
- Results-oriented
- Building and replicating success
- Based on incentives not mandates

# GAP Framework

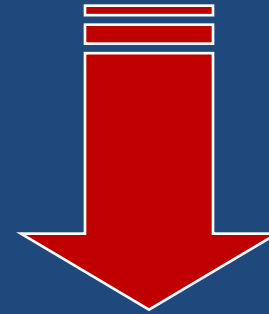
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Policy level

Agency level



Make markets  
work for women



Empower women to  
compete in markets

# Infrastructure Underpins Women's Economic Empowerment

	<b>Policy Level</b>	<b>Individual Level</b>
<b>Product Market</b>		
<b>Financial Markets</b>		
<b>Land Market</b>		
<b>Labor Market</b>		

**Access to High Quality and Reliable Infrastructure  
(Roads, Transport, Water, ICT, Energy)**

# How Can Infrastructure Influence Women's Economic Empowerment?

- Increase productivity (eg, irrigation water, electricity).
- Reduce women's and girls' burden of household chores and save time.
- Raise living standards of household members.
- Provide employment opportunities in construction and maintenance programs.

# How Can Gender Inequality Influence The Way Infrastructure is Used?

- Access, affordability and use of infrastructure facilities by women and men is linked to inequalities in intra-household relations, property rights and cultural restrictions.

# GAP Funding

## Financial Contribution to the GAP *(as of September 2009)*

Source	Pledges	Receipts
Trust Fund	\$ 48,709,175	\$ 25,452,087
Bank Budget	\$ 11,741,231	\$ 11,341,231
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,450,406</b>	<b>\$36,793,318</b>

*This includes pledges to the new **Adolescent Girls Initiative** launched in October 2008.*

# GAP Allocation by Markets (197 activities)

*As of September 2009*

Funding for  
infrastructure:  
\$2.2m

