

Improving Women's Access to Credit

in Community Development Programmes

"Women have plans for themselves, for their children, about their home, the meals. They have a Vision. A man wants to enjoy himself."

- Grameen Bank's Md. Yunus to a US Congressional Forum on why 94% of his loans go to women.

Besides the articles/write-ups listed above, have a look elsewhere in the Virtual Library on Microcredit at the [SEWA](#), [Streedhan](#) and [Working Women's Forum](#) case studies from India; and "[Short Takes](#)" - features of credit programmes adopted by women's groups in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Case study write-ups for this page are particularly welcome!

Documents

- [Organizing Women in the Informal Sector - The SEWU Experience](#)
- [Supporting Tanzania's Business Women](#)
- [Development-Japan: Women's Bank Shuns Old Banking Culture](#)
- [The Magic Ingredient? Microfinance & Women's Empowerment](#) - Linda Mayoux
- [Low-income Women's Bank in Benin: Social and Economic Empowerment](#) - Mauricette Mongbo
- ["Support to Women's Productive and Income-Generating Activities"](#) - Alana Albee, UNICEF
- [Beneath the Surface: Microcredit and Women's Empowerment](#) - Abdul Bayes
- [Integrating a Gender Perspective in Microfinance in ACP Countries](#) - Helen M Binns
- [Gender and Microfinance: guidelines for best practice](#) - Susan Johnson
- [From Access to Empowerment: Gender Issues in Micro-Finance](#) - Linda Mayoux
- [From the Margin to the Mainstream: Micro-Finance Programmes and Women's Empowerment - The Bangladesh Experience](#) - Gita Sabharwal
- Gender myths: "[Micro-Credit no Panacea for Poor Women](#)" - Nan Dawkins Scully
- [The Vicious Circle of Poverty - A Gender-Aware Approach](#)
- [Micro Credit and Women's Empowerment](#) - Sheela Purohit
- [Women in the informal sector and their access to microfinance](#) - ILO
- [Case Study of the Centre for Rural Education and Development \(CRED\)](#) - Valentina Dall'Olio
- [Percentage of Women Being Reached by the 34 Largest Programs Reporting Poorest Clients](#)
- Beijing Declaration 1995: [[Strategic objective A.3](#)][[Strategic objective F.1](#)]
- [Bibliography: Women and Credit](#)

Strategies and Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of financial services that meet women's needs • Features of Credit Programmes that Enhance Women's Participation • Targeting poor women as the best way to reach poor children. • Gender issues in microfinance
Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's World Banking • Women Mutual Groups in Sri Lanka • The Indian experience of organizing women's savings and credit groups: <i>Three examples</i> • The Mahila Milan Credit Scheme in India • Bikash - A Women's Project in Bangladesh • India: SEWA Bank • Sri Lanka: Women's Bank • SolidAfrica - a small-business development program. • Women Vision International • Women Advancing Microfinance International
International Networks and Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Micro-finance for Women's Empowerment • CIPE: Strengthening Women's Business Organizations • Global Fund for Women • ICRW: International Center for Research on Women - PROWID Grants Program • ILO: Gender and Access to Financial Services • Pakistan: Women in Credit Information and Resource Centre • Women's Opportunity Fund • UNIFEM: United Nations Development Fund for Women • WRED: Women and Rural Economic Development • The Field of Dreams and The Business Woman's Internet Directory - comprehensive online resources on a variety of business-related information. • GENFINANCE: A network to discuss gender dimensions of microfinance.
Gender and Development Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GERNA: Gender and Environment Research Network in Asia • SAWNET: South Asian Women's Network • The SEEDS Booklet Series - Population Council • Web-sters' Net-Work • Women's Studies Resources • Yahoo: Women's Studies

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