

Gender Action Plan

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Gender Action Plan: Saïss, Morocco (Project Level)

Activities	Indicators and Targets	Timeline	Responsibilities
Impact: Improved economic opportunities through sustainable agriculture for women micro-entrepreneurs in the Saïss Plain, through: (a) an increase in the number of women-led MSMEs in the Saïss Plain; (b) enhanced capacity of women entrepreneurs on sustainable farming.			
Outcome: Women micro-entrepreneurs' enhanced capacity to participate in commercial agriculture increased			
Impact assessment surveys will be designed and implemented and baseline data will be collected, to monitor impacts on women's agricultural activities, with a specific focus on women's access to productive resources, inputs, markets, finance, training on sustainable farming practices, as well as men's activities and gender roles.			
Output 1: Enhanced institutional capacity for the creation and formalisation of women-led businesses			
(i) Needs assessment will be conducted – through surveys and focus group discussions -- to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme to promote and support women-led agribusinesses established • Partnerships with at least 2 local stakeholders to provide training to women-led MSMEs established 	Q1 2018	EBRD Consultant with support from local stakeholder/national NGO
(ii) Institutional assessment will be conducted – through key informant interviews -- to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the overall barriers to women's entrepreneurship and business creation in commercial agriculture (including finance, inputs, technology, know-how, socio-cultural and agro-climatic factors); • evaluate the needs of cooperatives, including women-only cooperatives, with a view to providing recommendations on how to enhance women farmers' access to commercial agriculture opportunities; • undertake market research to identify market opportunities for women farmers' participation in local, national and international markets through supply chain analysis • conduct research on best practices within Morocco, and if relevant from other countries, to promote and support women's participation in entrepreneurship. 	Q1 2018	Partnerships with at least 2 local stakeholders to provide training to women-led MSMEs established
(iii) 3-year programme implemented to facilitate women-led businesses' participation in sustainable commercial agriculture, including the results framework and operational plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 20 Trainers of Trainers trained on technical aspects of sustainable agriculture and business • outreach and institutional capacity-building, • technical and business skills training, with a focus on commercialisation and access to 	Q4 2018	EBRD Consultant with support from local stakeholder/national
Output 2: Women-led MSMEs' capacity enhanced through training			

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<p>markets;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intermediation to facilitate access to finance for women-led MSMEs (through the WiB); • training on climate change adaptation practices and sustainable commercial agriculture. 	<p>management skills for agribusiness, and operating in women's cooperatives in the Saäss plain;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 350 women, 30% of those from the unpaid family employment category, being trained through the programme on technical aspects of sustainable agriculture and business management; • At least 70 new women-led MSMEs created by women having participated in the programme; • At least 10% of women-led enterprises participating in the programme have received an external investment by one-year after completion; • At least 20% of women-led enterprises participating in the programme have achieved increases in turnover one-year after completion; 	<p>Q4 2019</p> <p>Q3 2020</p> <p>Q3 2021</p>