Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Government of Kyrgyzstan; Government of Uzbekistan
Sectors	Finance, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the EBRD seeks to perform a deep dive study on at least three partner financial institutions ("PFIs"), in Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan, participating in the Central Asia Women in Business (WiB) Programme, which will seek to answer the following questions:

1. Investigate behavioural change at the PFI level, e.g., have PFI perceptions of this segment changed, what organisational (e.g., MIS update; appointed roles in charge for this segment within SME department) and product-related changes (e.g., collateral-light loans, NFS, marketing campaigns) have been implemented and have they been sustainable beyond the WiB programme.
2. Investigate the change in access to finance and quality of services for women MSMEs;
3. Investigate the outcomes for Women MSME borrowers (on business survivability, business growth, employment, innovation, etc.);
4. Investigate differentiated impact for different segments of the women MSMEs; potential identification of new segments that could present a unique opportunity for PFIs in the future.

The assignment aims to investigate the beneficial effects of the Women in Business programme in Central Asia to enhance access to finance for women. The study entails:

- An in-depth analysis of the PFIs practices and behavioural changes to better serve the women entrepreneurs segment following the WiB programme. A key part of the study will also investigate the effectiveness of the FLRC component (First-Loss Risk cover) to mitigate risks for the PFI to lend to a new women segment. This will provide invaluable insights on how to use Donor resources more efficiently in the future.
- A quantitative and qualitative assessment of the Women MSMEs performance under WiB. The study will investigate what are the measurable improvements in business performance, financial health, and sustainability for women-led MSMEs, as well as what are the key characteristics and needs of women borrowers across different stages of the business lifecycle and how has the effectiveness of WIB been different in each segment.

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