

 Early Warning System

WB-P505178

INDIA: Skilling for Women's Empowerment and Entrepreneurship  
Development



Quick Facts

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| Countries               | India                                                                                               |
| Specific Location       | Maharashtra State                                                                                   |
| Financial Institutions  | World Bank (WB)                                                                                     |
| Status                  | Canceled                                                                                            |
| Bank Risk Rating        | C                                                                                                   |
| Voting Date             | 2025-08-15                                                                                          |
| Borrower                | Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Dept; Govt. of Maharashtra - Empower Foundation |
| Sectors                 | Education and Health, Law and Government                                                            |
| Investment Type(s)      | Grant                                                                                               |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 2.80 million                                                                                     |
| Project Cost (USD)      | \$ 2.80 million                                                                                     |



### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to provide enhanced skilling and entrepreneurship opportunities for women of tribal communities in Maharashtra state.

The project is aligned to World Bank lending project DAKSH (P177965) and will be supporting the women from the selected tribal areas and communities of the state of Maharashtra. The vision is to ensure that women from deprived socio-economic groups and areas have an opportunity and access to become visible stakeholders in country's development process through entrepreneurship and economic enablement.

The project will include:

- (i) support of women startups, working towards innovation/improvement of existing products, services, or processes with a potential to create employment and revenue, including young female labor force entrants from Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Universities, Colleges, Skilling centers, etc.
- (ii) development and delivery of entrepreneurship training programs for females, and
- (iii) conducting a targeted awareness campaign to inform about existing opportunities and ensure high level of participation.

The JSDF grant will focus on skills training and entrepreneurship financing for women for enhanced employment opportunities, especially in tribal districts of Amravati, Yavatmal, Chandrapur, Gondia and Gadchiroli on the east and Nandurbar, Dhule, Jalgaon, Nashik, Ahmednagar, Thane, Palghar and Raigad on the west of Maharashtra state.



## Early Warning System Project Analysis

Activities under the proposed project are not expected to have any adverse environmental and social impacts and therefore risks are rated as '**low**'. The interventions under the project will be restricted to: (i) needs assessment study to identify areas and communities to be supported; (ii) outreach and awareness; (iii) addressing specific training needs, knowledge and skills gaps, (vi) identification of entrepreneurial challenges and barriers for women that have to be resolved; (v) skill development and training together with existing business incubators at universities, colleges and ITIs that offer accelerator programs for female-led startups to ensure their growth and market entry and; (vi) funding and support for start-ups by women; and (vii) project management. None of the proposed activities under this operation (using JSDF grant) involve any design or implementation of construction works or activities with a significant physical footprint.



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### Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US\$ 2.80 million

Japan Social Development Fund: US\$ 2.80 million



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### Bank Documents

- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - INDIA: Skilling for Women's Empowerment and](#)
- [Project Information Document - INDIA: Skilling for Women's Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Developm](#)



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### Other Related Projects

- WB-P177965 Maharashtra Skills Development Project