

PROMOTING OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC RESILIENCE (POWER)

Why a POWER Working Group (WG)?

The US government, private sector, academics, multilaterals and NGOs have shown great interest in investing more in the 700 million global women living in poverty. Yet, few mechanisms exist that help bring such investments to scale, share best practices and lessons learned, integrate leadership and empowerment training and measure impact. The POWER WG is a unique collaboration group that creates such a mechanism and helps bridge the North/South & USG/NGO/Corporate/Multilateral/Academic divides.

POWER Working Group Mission

Increase, improve and build the evidence base for US investments in women living in poverty's economic empowerment in the global south.

2015 Goals

1. Identify major assets and gaps and begin to influence the US investment landscape in women living in poverty's economic empowerment and resilience in the global south.
2. Identify opportunities to link US-based and global south generated initiatives to build greater and improved investments and evidence for women's economic empowerment.
3. Forge new partnerships between NGOs, the private sector, academics/think tanks, multi-laterals and the US government in order to advance specific goals and deliverables associated with the working group.
4. Strengthen and publicly disclose the evidence base for US government, private sector, multi-lateral and/or NGO investments in women living in poverty's economic resilience.

First Quarter Deliverables

- Create and disseminate a set of common WLPEE US investment principles/definitions
- Collectively establish a WLPEE Working Group terms of reference document with identified membership structure, commitments, roles and overall scope
- Build a WLPEE WG 2015 work plan with more detailed impact assessment, sub-goals, deliverables, targets and timeline

How Your Organization Can Engage

- Attend initial January 29 launch and wider consultation to give input into common set of POWER principles and needed structure for WG, help identify opportunities for collective engagement and learn more about what membership entails.
- Become an official co-sponsor of the POWER WG and potential sub-group co-chair
- Become an official member of the overall POWER WG (participating in monthly meetings) and of at least 1 sub-group (scope and frequency TBD by group.)
- Attend quarterly innovation/learning events, open to both members and non-members

Proposed Subgroups

- Data/Evidence
- Public-Private-NGO Partnerships
- US Government Advocacy