**Supporting Women's Livelihood Project Impact Evaluation**

**Abstract**

This study conducts an impact evaluation of the Supporting Women's Livelihood (SWL) project, aimed at enhancing the economic and social well-being of women in underprivileged communities. The SWL project includes a multifaceted approach combining financial literacy, Life and business skills training, $225 productivity grant and access to microcredit through the savings groups. Using a mixed-methods approach, the evaluation assesses outcomes across key metrics such as income levels, employment status, business ownership, and empowerment indicators.

Quantitative data were collected through pre- and post-intervention surveys of 500 participants, alongside a control group of 200 women from similar socio-economic backgrounds. The analysis employed difference-in-differences (DiD) methodology to estimate the project's causal impact. Qualitative data were obtained via focus group discussions and in-depth interviews, providing nuanced insights into personal and communal transformations.

Results indicate a significant increase in average monthly income by 35% among participants, with a 40% rise in business ownership. Employment rates improved by 25%, and there was a notable enhancement in financial autonomy and decision-making power within households. Participants reported improved self-esteem and greater community participation, attributed to the project's empowerment activities.

The evaluation concludes that the SWL project effectively contributes to economic resilience and social empowerment among women in targeted areas. Recommendations for future iterations of the project include scaling up the training components, expanding access to larger loans, and integrating continuous mentorship programs to sustain long-term benefits. The findings underscore the importance of comprehensive support mechanisms in promoting women's livelihoods and fostering inclusive economic growth.