

Market Development Facility

- Fully funded by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and implemented by Cardno Emerging Markets.
- Applies the "Market Systems" approach to facilitate private sector development.
- Works primarily with private sector partners on business innovation to facilitate systemic change, improve sector competitiveness and enable support markets to function better in order to improve the income of small farms and firms and create employment.



Where we work





How we do it

- Apply the DCED Standard for Results Measurement
- Developed in-house systems on systemic change measurements and Women's Economic Empowerment
- Strong culture that results measurement is everyone's job and is key to informing good program design
- Shared resources and ready pool of experts who can be easily accessed: roving staff, central information platforms







Results Measurement: Lessons from three countries

Building a Multi-Country Aggregation System

- Careful balance between consistency and flexibility
- Assessment of different impact spheres
 - Market systems
 - Strategies and systemic change framework
 - Businesses
 - Value of private sector investment leveraged
 - Value of additional market transactions
 - Number of innovations and business reforms
 - Beneficiaries
 - Effective outreach
 - Net additional employment
 - Net additional income



Learning what to measure: Taking lessons across countries

- How to identify invisible access and agency aspects
- How to prioritize which of these are critical to your business model
- How to package this information for different audiences to get better buy-in and to leverage other businesses to do the same (important for systemic change)
- Can't apply conclusions across countries but can get ideas about where to look



Learning how to measure: Taking lessons across countries

- Sharing practical tips: standardizing units of measurement
- Sharing methods: Full-Time Employment Multiplier
- Overarching frameworks based on best practices: Women's Economic Empowerment





Conclusion

- Human process that relies on relationship and identity building continuously
- Adaptive management which identifies different skill-sets and adapts them to different contexts
- Build a system that's appropriate for different user groups

Women's Economic Empowerment: Learning from the Indo-Pacific Region



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