

Appendix A. Checklist for Policy-makers

Overview

What is the role of women in the economy? What sectors are they in and how productive are they? What is their potential GDP contribution if fully participating? What about women in positions of leadership?

What is the level of women's financial access and what is it relative to their male counterparts?

Are there any existing GRI initiatives and could they do with government support?



Business environment

Do women have the same legal status as men, particular in terms of legislation that affects their ability to enjoy equal economic opportunities (e.g., ownership and control of assets, inheritance rights, access to identity documentation)?

Is the infrastructure conducive to GRI – technology, transport infrastructure accessible to women?

Is there legislation and regulation in place to support GRI by willing institutions?

- If there are information asymmetries affecting the ability of lenders to invest, does appropriate legislation for credit information systems exist and thrive to the benefit of women?
- Does appropriate legislation exist to allow lenders to accept alternative forms of security and retain strong rights?
- Is there appropriate legislation and regulation of innovative financial products that could benefit women (e.g., mobile banking, leasing etc.)?

What resources are required to support GRI? Which department will drive GRI forward?

What capacity building is required within government departments?

Are there any international partnerships, technical assistance, resources that can be tapped into?

What indicators need to be established and how will they be measured/monitored?



Institutional and enterprise development support

What incentives can be provided to institutions to catalyse GRI?

What resources can be provided to institutions to promote GRI?

What legislation is in place to ensure that institutions are making gender responsive investments?

How much awareness raising is required?

What capacity building support can be provided to institutions to promote GRI?

Is sufficient and relevant sex-disaggregated data readily available to guide institutions' decision-making? Are census data, surveys, research, etc. regularly disseminated widely?