SMEs help reduce the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty through job creation and economic growth.

Globally, almost 40% of small businesses are owned by women, meaning that SMEs play a large role in closing the gender gap.

SMEs can help societies achieve higher levels of economic productivity as drivers of diversification, technological improvement and innovation.

With micro-businesses, SMEs account for more than 90% of enterprises worldwide and empower communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

**SINCE 2008,**
MEII has processed 3,049 loan applications totaling $466 million and has provided accounting TA to more than 1500 SMEs.
STIMULATING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

- $315 million approved in SME loans
- $130,000 average loan size
- >2% cumulative net loss rate
- 1500 SMEs trained in accounting
- 200 university interns trained
- 5,634 female employment opportunities
- 26,700 jobs sustained

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Transform SME banking in the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region

Improve SME financial literacy & transparency

Seize a market opportunity and invest in missing middle SMEs

Founded with the conviction that the path to social and political stability in the MENA region requires a sound economic base.

MEII is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate sustainable economic activity and long-lasting job creation by designing & deploying finance and technical assistance programs.

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MEII has a staff of nearly 30 banking and investment professionals with offices in Ramallah, Amman, Tunis, and Washington, D.C. The organization’s international board of directors includes several individuals with long histories of service in the private and public sectors.

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