

WAGE Moldova

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WAGE Moldova- an example of intersectional partnership



- WAGE Moldova- “Reducing barriers to WEE in Moldova”, launched in October 2020;
- ABA ROLI partners with CIPE, and closely works with local partner organizations WLC and CAPE.
- Objective: 1) to strengthen the organizational capacities of women’s business associations and women’s civil society organizations and 2) to foster collective action among WBAs and WCSOs to address legal and societal barriers to women’s participation in the economy.



Supporting business associations and women's civil society organizations to better respond to the needs of their beneficiaries

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM:

- 10 business associations and civil society organizations;
- 6 training sessions
- More than 50 one-on-one coaching sessions
- 9 small grants



The Alliance for Women's Economic Empowerment in the Republic of Moldova

- was convened to reduce social, economic and structural barriers;
- 10 founder members;
- geographical coverage;
- advocacy campaign oriented to integrate WEE and GBV.



INTEGRATION OF GBV AND WEE

- Mentorship sessions on GBV
- Review of core documents of NGOs from a gender perspective
- Inter-organizational dialogue sessions
- Brochures by WLC



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Savings and loans groups, an opportunity for intimate partner violence prevention



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Women Empowered, Global Communities' VSLA Model



Journeys of Transformation (JOT)

Engaging men to advance women's economic empowerment. Guatemala (2019-2021), in partnership with Promundo (now Equimundo).

Key topics: communication, budgeting, sexual and reproductive health and rights, violence prevention, response and laws.



Evaluation Highlights: Intimate partner violence

Men

Reduction in the acceptance of the use of violence against their female partners in different situations.

Greater awareness of their actions and the desire to adopt communication strategies to avoid violent situations in the relationship.

Increased awareness of the intergenerational cycle of violence and how they wanted to avoid being a violent example for their children.

Women

Women shared an increased awareness about women's rights and the ability to identify different types of violence.



Recommendations

- Engage local partners (government institutions, agencies, local government, NGOs and private sector)
- Engage local leaders (influencers)
- Map existing prevention and response services and link to other remotely available services
- Provide continuous support for staff and establish clear protocols
- Obtain women's approval for their spouses' participation
- Inform participants about existing laws, rights, services and reporting
- Promote a family vision, improvements in communication and self-reflections among participants



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Women's Business Center in Mongolia



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Why Women's Business Center?

When entrepreneurship business models increase profit and improve livelihoods



- *Gereltsetseg is one of many women entrepreneurs who first joined the WBC and its Business Incubator program in 2016.*
- *Women in Mongolia have extremely limited networking opportunities and access to information.*



Business Incubator Program

- *Gereltsetseg turns her production of traditional-style home supplies into a “brand” through the Business Incubator program.*
- *WBC and its programming addressed women’s lack of networks and improved communal support.*



COVID-19 Feminist Funding – Rapid Response Support

When women-only spaces create long-lasting support systems



- *More than 55% of micro informal and small-scale women owned businesses closed temporarily during COVID-19*



WBC's psychosocial service and digital model shift

24/7 helpline and tele-psychotherapy brought hope for women entrepreneurs

- *A deeper understanding of the prevalence and types of violence and the support that survivors need.*
- *Inclusive and holistic trauma-informed services are key.*
- *It takes time for women to get accustomed to psychosocial services, and it's essential to provide the services continuously.*



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