

Engage with us

IWWAGE works with several partners, including central and state governments, donors, non-governmental organisations, civil society, academia, think tanks, private sector, media and key influencers to push forward an agenda of inclusive economic growth and advocate for women's economic empowerment.

Our association with LEAD, which is a part of the Krea University at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, under the IFMR Society enables us to harness synergies within the ecosystem and among all of LEAD's initiatives, and collaborate with faculty and experts from diverse disciplines.

We believe that innovative partnerships can help fill critical evidence gaps and support our efforts to advocate for the advancement of women and girls in India's economy.



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Who we are

IWWAGE is an initiative of LEAD, an action-oriented research centre of IFMR Society. LEAD has strategic oversight and brand support from Krea University to enable synergies between academia and the research centre. IWWAGE is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

What we do

Global evidence shows that women make a significant contribution to the economy, yet they continue to be disproportionately affected by poverty, discrimination and exploitation. Despite high economic growth, decline in fertility rates of women, and rise in schooling of girls, female labour force participation in India remains alarmingly low.

Economic empowerment of women is fundamental for achieving gender equality and inclusive growth. IWWAGE was set up to address this challenge.

We improve the understanding by generating and synthesising evidence, deepen the knowledge base, explore interventions and test solutions that are policy-relevant and provide answers to what works to advance women's economic empowerment (WEE).

IWWAGE focuses on three priority areas

- Barriers to work
- Quality work
- Women's empowerment collectives as an enabler for WEE

IWWAGE promotes the generation, synthesis and use of rigorous data and evidence in decision making to drive the agenda on women's economic empowerment in the country.

Current work

Our work involves using our research and partnerships to generate policy-relevant evidences, evaluate programme effectiveness and synthesise existing evidences to provide scalable solutions for implementing agencies and policymakers to improve WEE.

We also test solutions to create evidence and provide technical assistance to explore the impact of women's empowerment collectives as enabling platforms for economic empowerment.

We support national and state governments, and partner with ministries and state departments, to provide technical assistance for strengthening the strategic framework for gender. We support institutionalising mechanisms for building federations as gender resource cells to achieve positive social, economic, and financial outcomes for women.

We work with advocacy partners to advocate for the generation and use of rigorous, policy-relevant evidence to drive forward a strong agenda to promote gender equality through economic empowerment.

