



Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality

Accelerate Impact at Scale: Unlocking Women's Potential

The **Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality (UFGE)** is a **World Bank Group (WBG)** multi-donor trust fund that supports knowledge, evidence, and data to help governments and companies invest effectively in policies and solutions that unlock economic opportunities for women and girls. Anchored in the **WBG Gender Strategy (2024–2030)**, UFGE catalyzes evidence into policy dialogue, operational design, and impact at scale.

UFGE Impact at a Glance

111

countries engaged in policy dialogue

224

companies adopted new practices

373

WBG operations informed

How UFGE Delivers



Generating Evidence for Impact

UFGE invests in innovative evidence and data paired with targeted technical assistance to ensure uptake in policy reform and operational design.



Convening for Scale

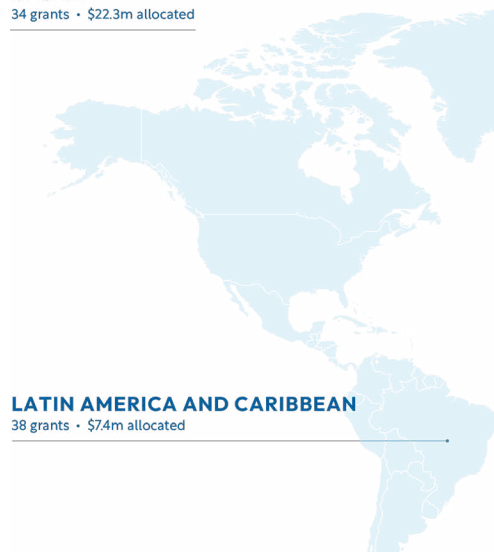
UFGE leverages the WBG's global reach and partnerships to convene governments, companies, and development partners around shared priorities and scalable solutions.



Catalyzing Investment

By testing and refining approaches, UFGE informs large-scale financing and policy reforms, enabling innovation, learning, and impact at scale across regions.

GLOBAL
34 grants • \$22.3m allocated



LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN
38 grants • \$7.4m allocated

MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, AFGHANISTAN & PAKISTAN
30 grants • \$15.9m allocated

EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA
42 grants • \$10.6m allocated

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC
48 grants • \$16.9m allocated

SOUTH ASIA
26 grants • \$9.2m allocated

AFRICA
77 grants • \$82.6m allocated

Overview of UFGE Activities (2012–2025)

304
TOTAL GRANTS
72 ACTIVE GRANTS in FY25

\$197.6m
TOTAL PLEDGES

111 Total COUNTRIES SUPPORTED
56 IDA **27** FCV

UFGE is Driving Implementation of the WBG Gender Strategy

UFGE evidence played a key role in shaping the [WBG's Gender Strategy \(2024–2030\)](#) and UFGE is the funding platform supporting the [Strategy's implementation](#) at the country level.

In 2025, UFGE supported four targeted programs to accelerate delivery.

Gender Strategy
Fast-Track Country
Program

Behavioral Science and
Social Norms Program

Integrating Gender
Analysis in Country Core
Diagnostics and Macro-
Fiscal Policies Program

Gender, Climate,
and Jobs Program

Gender Strategy Fast-Track Countries: From Evidence to Impact

UFGE is supporting coordinated, country-led engagement as *One WBG* across an initial set of **16 Fast-Track countries** where joint planning, strong analytics, and evidence-based interventions are accelerating the translation of the WBG Gender Strategy into tangible country-level impact.

Expected results:

- **62** WBG operations aligned with country priorities to reach **40 million** expected beneficiaries
- **12** WBG core diagnostics informing policy reforms in **10** countries
- **5** WBG Country Partnership Frameworks advancing specific gender outcomes

Fast-Track countries include | Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, India, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, and Viet Nam.

2025 Highlights: Accelerating Impact at Scale

Africa Region | Africa Gender Innovation Lab

A decade of Africa Gender Innovation Lab evidence, including the [Pathways to Prosperity](#) and [A Girl Can Dream](#) reports shaped major WBG operations contributing to \$1.7 billion in WBG financing reaching over 43 million adolescents, many of them girls and young women.

Bangladesh | Flagship Country Program

UFGE-supported analysis on workplace sexual harassment in agro-industries informed the draft 2024 Sexual Harassment Bill and strengthened the implementation of existing legal frameworks, High Court Directives, and Labor Act in partnership with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

Jordan | One WBG Fast-Track Country Program

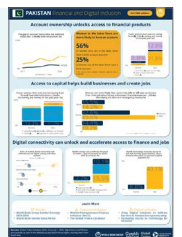
The [Mashreq Gender Facility](#), the [Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan & Pakistan Gender Innovation Lab](#), and [Women, Business and the Law](#) shaped the first ever WBG operation in the region focused solely on enhancing women's economic opportunities, expanding flexible work arrangements, childcare services, registering 1,000 women led firms, and extending digital financial access to more than 142,500 women.

Mauritania | WBG Country Core Diagnostics and Macro-Fiscal Program

UFGE-supported macro-fiscal analysis showed that expanding women's labor force participation could increase GDP by up to 5 percent, informing WBG core diagnostics such as the Country Growth and Jobs Report, Systematic Country Diagnostic, Country Partnership Framework and a new WBG Development Policy Financing series advancing labor market and school-to-work transition policy reforms.

UFGE Invests in Data to Inform Policies and Solutions

UFGE supports global and country-level gender data initiatives that strengthen evidence-based policy dialogue and operational design. Tools such as the [Gender Data Portal](#) and [Country Gender Data Landscapes](#) provide policy-relevant indicators for 192 economies, helping governments and the private sector to identify priorities, inform policy reforms, and track progress.



Learn More

Explore how evidence-based solutions are shaping policy and investment decisions across regions. Read [UFGE Annual Report 2025: Accelerate Impact at Scale: Unlocking Women's Potential](#). For more information, visit our [website](#).