



*This series of factsheets describes the National Level Activities supported by INCLUDE, the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, to encourage the use of existing and new knowledge by policy-makers and practitioners.*

## Policy-knowledge community on women's entrepreneurship and social protection in Uganda

While women's entrepreneurship and social protection are areas of national policy concern in relation to Uganda's development strategies, there is a need for a more proactive approach to ensure that current commitments in these areas do not remain on paper. In relation to women's entrepreneurship, this includes revisiting national policies with a focus on skills development initiatives, institutions and government budgets. For social protection, this entails a review of institutional reforms and effective implementation of policies and programmes, among other things. Against this background, this project proposes to establish effective national-level policy-knowledge communities on women's entrepreneurship and social protection.

### Objectives

- Increase awareness of the growing need to pay special attention to women's entrepreneurship and social protection
- Promote context-based interventions that take into account gender, geography and the lifecycle of the target groups
- Promote learning by doing activities that encourage the adoption of new ideas and practices

### Lead organisation

Economic Policy Research Centre (Kampala, Uganda)

### Partners

- Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development
- Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives
- Office of the Prime Minister
- National Planning Authority
- Development partners
- Women's advocacy institutions (e.g. UWEAL)
- Uganda Investment Authority
- Makerere University
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology

### Country focus

Uganda

### Planned activities

- Organize inception meetings (February - April 2016)
- Undertake stakeholder mapping (March - April 2016)
- Synthesize existing knowledge (April 2016 - July 2016)
- Conduct targeted research to understand institutional constraints (May - June 2016)
- Support from Economic Policy Research Centre to the local INCLUDE research groups (February 2016 - November 2016)
- Provide regular updates on relevant international and national research and policy initiatives (February 2016 - November 2016)
- Conduct national dissemination activities based on the knowledge products developed (October - November 2016)
- Hold targeted meetings with stakeholders (February - December 2016)

