

Social & Economic Development

The ability of governments to achieve social and economic goals is dependent on how efficiently and effectively they harness limited resources. This increases the necessity for robust, transparent and flexible public administration institutions to optimize resource usage. Social development, however, often plays second fiddle as economic progress is more prized, resulting in widespread social and economic inequity in developing nations. For true progress to take shape, economic development must also be socially inclusive. Small and medium businesses are also extremely vulnerable in developing economies, as poor supporting frameworks, lack of access to capital, limited understanding of value chains, and slow adoption of technology collectively hinder growth of small scale businesses into profitable and sustainable enterprises.

e.Gen has long worked with governments, development agencies and NGOs to help achieve inclusive social and economic progress, and help develop environments conducive to small and medium businesses. e.Gen's work has included developing initiatives for social inclusion and poverty alleviation, providing capacity building for individuals and institutions alike to spur economic and social growth, and providing consultancy services to develop enabling environments for small and medium businesses, including improved access to finance and setting up of supporting institutions and policies.

Key Facts

30
Projects

10
Countries

\$9 Million
Project Portfolio

Featured projects

ADB / Ministry of Economic Development | Grant 0290 (MLD): Inclusive MSME Development Project – Institutional and Legal Enhancement Consultancy | Maldives


The project aimed to promote economic and financial inclusion in the Maldives by enhancing economic activities including those in the remote islands through more opportunities and access to finance for MSMEs which will thereby contribute to private sector development and overall growth. e.Gen's role in this project focused on institutional strengthening of Business Development Service Centers (BDSCs) and Business Incubator Program as well as augmenting gender impact through barrier removal, awareness and advocacy.

Bangladesh Bank / JICA | Financial Sector Project for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprise (FSPDSME) | Bangladesh

FSPDSME project has provided medium and long term loans to micro, small and medium enterprises for productive investment. In this project, e.Gen was involved in capacity development of Bangladesh Bank to facilitate promotion of SME financing and lending to women entrepreneurs. In addition, the firm helped train PFIs such as Bangladesh Bank Training Academy (BBTA) and Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) in preparation of business investment plan, loan application procedures and relationship banking for women entrepreneurs.

ADB / Ministry of Education and Training | Loan 2929 (VIE): Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project | Viet Nam

The project is designed as a positive school-sector intervention for effective human resource development that will contribute to the economic development of Vietnam and address social and economic issues such as poverty reduction, improved knowledge and skills for school graduates entering the labor



force and greater equity of educational opportunity across all spectrums of society. e.Gen increased access and retention of disadvantaged groups to upper secondary education by piloting an inclusive education programs for students with special needs, education support for disadvantages group and support for ethnic minority boarding schools.

World Bank | Assessment of the Main Cities of the Eastern and Northern Provinces | Sri Lanka

The objective of the study was to undertake a comprehensive assessment in Sri Lanka for the sustainable development of selected cities. e.Gen prepared a quick social and economic diagnostic covering the socioeconomic context, economic growth drivers and enablers of city competitiveness for the specified cities.

World Bank | Monitoring the Social and Economic Impacts of Electricity Privatization | Turkey

The study was to conduct quantitative and qualitative assessments to analyze the social impact of privatization of electricity distribution on households in order to plan and design mitigation measures for low income households. e.Gen led a survey of 1500 households to understand the socio-economic energy consumption pattern in 23 provinces of 20 electricity distribution regions in Turkey.

United Nationals Development Programme | Impact of School Sanitation Intervention on Rural Women | Bangladesh

e.Gen through this project studied the hygienic behavior of the children in the school where sanitation program had been intervened, the amount of safe sanitation information transferred via child to mother, the response and motivation to learn about hygienic sanitation practices by the mothers.

World Bank / Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission | Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Project- Palm Oil Industry Supply Chain Development Program | Nigeria

The primary objective of e.Gen was to improve value addition and competitiveness of MSMEs in palm oil production by identifying constraints which when addressed will result in significant and sustainable impact in terms of growth and creation of more productive, better paid jobs.

World Bank | The Expansion of Domestic Private Sector Participation in the Water and Sanitation Market | Bangladesh

The study undertaken by e.Gen was aimed at enabling small and medium-sized business to extend services to the poor and explored how public-private partnerships can be undertaken in more programmatic ways for enhanced efficiency.

Other Major Projects:

- ADB / Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Bangladesh | Consultancy Services for Project Management, Design and Supervision Consultancy (PMDSC) Services for South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project – SATIDP | Bangladesh
- ADB | PPTA 8128 (BAN): Preparing Coastal Towns Infrastructure Improvement – Consulting Firm | Bangladesh
- World Bank | Infrastructure PPPs: PPP Training Content & Curriculum Development and Training of Trainers | India
- JICA / Water Development Board | Feasibility Study for Improvement of Flood Forecasting and Warning Service | Bangladesh
- ADB | TA 7262 (VIE): Capacity building of Renewable Energy Development | Viet Nam
- ADB / Ceylon Electricity Board | Green Power Development and Energy Efficiency Improvement Investment Program -Tranche 1 (Loan No. 3146): Project Management Support for Preparation of Tranche 2 | Sri Lanka
- IFC South Asia Enterprise Development Facility | Strengthening the Credit Operations of a Bank in Katmandu | Nepal
- ADB | Preparation of Tranche 2 under “Power System Expansion and Energy Efficiency Improvement Investment Program | Bangladesh
- World Bank | Expanding Access to Islamic Finance for SMEs in Indonesia: Creating a Pilot Assessment Tool | Indonesia
- Small & Medium Enterprise Foundation | Preparing SME Project Profiles on Potential Products in the Agro Processing, Light Engineering, Electrical & Electronics, and Plastic Sectors | Bangladesh