The Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality (UFGE) is a multi-donor trust fund dedicated to strengthening awareness, knowledge, and capacity for gender-informed policy-making. The UFGE is an important catalyst for work that pushes the frontiers of gender equality and promotes smart project design by equipping policymakers and development experts with data, knowledge, and evidence. Below is an overview of recent and upcoming events, our new Grantee interview series, and recent publications and blogs. You will find all of this and much more on our [website](#).

Sincerely,

The UFGE Secretariat

## GRANTEE INTERVIEW

**Toward Gender-Smart Transport in East Asia & the Pacific**

Helle Buchhave, Senior Social Development Specialist, leads the Transport and Gender Capacity Building Program in East Asia and the Pacific that trains transport authorities and project stakeholders to implement strategic transport operations. The program’s first phase, in which 11 World Bank Group projects from countries as diverse as China and Tonga participated, focused on rural transport, specifically creating jobs for women and addressing safety in rural roads projects.

Describing the program, Buchhave said: "The best advocates for gender-smart transport projects were clients who had seen in practice how transformative these projects can be." She added: "Several clients came to the training to learn how to employ women in road maintenance work – and left with an understanding that women's different needs are something to consider throughout the project cycle." Read the full [interview](#).

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**June 6, 2016: Washington DC**

**Creating Opportunities for Women in Rural Transport**

This discussion brought together more than 30 WBG practitioners from transport, social development, and agriculture teams to discuss factors that enable and constrain women's participation in rural transport projects – as well as the benefits of more inclusive job creation. Key takeaways from the discussion were:

- Enhancing women's participation, done right, can have transformative effects beyond income, raising self-esteem and aspirations in life, and expanding social networks for
Factors that enable women's participation include: childcare availability, family support, existing role models, and previous experience in social organizations or similar tasks. These can be addressed through proactive project design measures.

For lasting benefits, mitigate the risk of gender-segregation of tasks by sensitizing staff, revising operational manuals to expand options for women, and offering sufficient training. Combine technical and life skills training and provide leadership training and opportunities to exercise leadership.

You can find more lessons and recommendations in the UFGE-funded study *Roads to Agency*.

UPCOMING: July 21, 2016: Washington DC

**Understanding Gender Equality in Justice Sector Services**

Women and men may have different needs and priorities when seeking justice services and face unique obstacles when trying to access them. This seminar will focus on how understanding these needs and obstacles can guide policymakers in closing gender gaps in justice services, which in turn will aid women in exercising basic rights, protecting themselves from violence, enhancing their agency, and increasing control over assets. Showcasing UFGE-supported efforts in *Serbia* and *Jordan* to increase the availability of gender-relevant data linked to the provision of justice sector services, World Bank Group Public Sector Specialists will discuss: gender disparities in the types of legal problems faced by citizens and steps taken to resolve them; the effectiveness of justice services in addressing gender gaps; and the role of justice services in supporting the Bank's *Gender Equality Strategy 2016-2023*. You can learn more about the ongoing work in Jordan in this recent *Brookings Institution blog*.

Interested in participating online through WebEX? Contact *Shirley Bekoe* for details.

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**Publications**

*Community-Based Approaches to Intimate Partner Violence: A Review of Evidence and Essential Steps to Adaptation*

A review of effective community mobilization interventions to prevent intimate partner violence, underscoring components that must be considered to adapt successful interventions to different contexts. The methodological annex provides six essential steps to successfully adapting a community-based program to a specific context.

*Africa Gender Innovation Lab Policy Brief: As Good as the Company They Keep*

In Uganda, informal social networks for women farmers were used pair those with lower productivity with the most productive women farmers. The aim was to more effectively reach women with agricultural. The research found that social network interventions offer a lower-cost alternative to traditional agricultural training programs and can be particularly effective at improving the productivity of women.

*Related blog: Increasing Prosperity for the Poorest Using Social Networks*
Other recent publications:

- Policy Brief: *Intra-household dynamics and the design of social protection programs: the case of polygamous households in North Burkina Faso*
- Report: *Gender, Mobility, and Middle Class in Europe and Central Asia: Insights from Qualitative Research*

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