

Inclusive growth through MSMEs

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More competitive MSMEs means more inclusive growth



MSMEs make up:

• Up to 95% of firms worldwide



On average 60% of employment



Around 40% of GDP

- MSMEs employ vulnerable sections of the workforce: women, youth, poor and marginalised communities
- MSMEs tend to be less productive and pay lower wages
- Increasing productivity and competitiveness of MSMEs is good for jobs, good for wages, especially vulnerable people





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1. Empowering Youth in the Gambia

DO YOU HAVE A ROADMAP?

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Empowering Youth in the Gambia (2017-2020)



READY TO TRADE?

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Partners include: Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Youth, GIZ, GTTI

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2. SheTrades

Empowering women to trade

Objective: Connecting 3 million women to markets by 2021







Connect & Trade with women owned businesses Search and find businesses among SheTrades members and starts trading Find suppliers and partners ... Search Unlock new markets Register on SheTrades to have full access to business profiles and company information.



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Partners include: national and regional governments, Douwe Egbert, Sucafina, eBay, UPS, Barclays, national and regional governments

3. Ethical Fashion Initiative

Connecting poor communities to global luxury fashion brands











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Partners include: Vivienne Westwood, Sindiso Khumalo, MIMCO, Camper, United Arrows, EDUN, Brothers Vellies

Programming for inclusive growth through MSMEs is

People-centred

- Meets the needs of the communities we serve
- Designed and implemented with local institutions for sustainability and relevance
- Targets impact

Product/market-driven

 Using existing strengths and skills while also identifying opportunities for value-addition and diversification

In partnership

- With governments and local institutions
- With market partners
- With experts in diverse fields to add value

Science, technology and innovation are enablers



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Thank you

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