WHY SUPPORT WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS?

Women & their businesses have potential to boost economic growth

If full gender parity were achieved on different economic indicators, GDP in Mexico would increase by

(\$810 billion USD)

by 2025.1

Women entrepreneurs in the SGB sector in Mexico are well-educated & ready to grow

hold a graduate or postgraduate degree

Most have extensive experience in their fields, including health, engineering & design

WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?

Health related sectors

25% vs.

Men dominate Industries like construction

3%

20%

WHAT ARE THE FINANCING NEEDS OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS?

said they are seeking finance. This represents an untapped market for financial institutions

of women seek finance from \$125,000 to \$3 million USD

Women finance their businesses with smaller & less formal sources compared to men:

Credit Card, Women Business Men Credit, Financial Institutions Supplier or Client Credit Credit Card 50% Personal

WHAT DO WOMEN **ENTREPRENEURS NEED TO SUCCEED?**

More tailored business development services, professional networks, mentoring & coaching support

Information & access to financial products & providers suited to their needs

Leadership training, including content on overcoming sexist attitudes in business relations

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Improve access to finance & business development services



Understand the needs of the women-led SME market & go beyond "pink marketing" by providing tailored business development services paired with financial services



Develop tools to improve gender intelligence in bank operations & credit approval processes.



Leverage the Nacional Financiera (NAFIN) Mujer PYME guarantee to expand the number of banks & women that have access to low-cost loans.



Educate women about different financing options, using digital & current market information.



Go beyond the basics. Know what your target market needs, & try offering tailored training, mentoring & as well as blended learning.





This information is based on an assessment undertaken by Value for Women in 2017 which examined the characteristics of women-led, small and growing businesses (SGBs) in Mexico. This builds on Value for Women's work in "Creating Opportunities: Strengthening the Ecosystem for Women Entrepreneurs in Mexico" & paves the way for Cherie Blair Foundation for Women's "Road to Growth Programme".

