

**ANALYSING THE FACTORS AFFECTING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN MADHYA
PRADESH WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INDORE AND BHOPAL**

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ABSTRACT

Historically, most Indian women have performed home duties. While giving birth, she got entirely absorbed in her motherhood and housewife responsibilities. Traditional expectations were that males would provide for their families and women would handle home duties. "When women progress, the family advances and the village evolves." Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru repeats this because it is true: including women in development boosts economic and social progress. Women entrepreneurs operate their businesses using different types of women entrepreneurs that collate workforce, resources, and finances together. This study is an attempt to reveal the factors underlying women's entrepreneurship and to understand how Work-Related Factors (WRF), Family-Related Factors (FRF), Economic Factors (EF), and Work-Life Balance (WLB) affect Personal Factors (PF). To understand the same, we will perform reliability analysis and factor analysis using SPSS 21. The study finds the dataset to be reliable, and the KMO test suggests the authenticity of the studied variables.

Keywords: Women Entrepreneurship, Work-Related Factors, Family-Related Factors, Economic Factors, Work-Life Balance, and Personal Factors

INTRODUCTION

In this economy, women can run non-traditional enterprises better. Consultants, publishers, clothing exporters, designers, interior decorators, and others are becoming more famous. Women must compete with males. She has industry expertise and can handle any challenge. Margaret (1992) remarked "the femininity of India is a source of immense untapped power," and women entrepreneurs demonstrate this. According to Balamurugan (2008), Indian women who were imprisoned in solitary may now do home and national obligations. Most people think women are important for growth. Women have broken the male performance monopoly. Modern women have responsibilities beyond parenthood and housework. Women's position in society is more important than ever. Female entrepreneurs may go alone. Education and training may build key skills (Kapase, 2001). They impact local and

global populations. India's women are bucking conventions and embracing globalization. The 2009 Indian National Skill Entrepreneurship and female entrepreneurs have been researched by historians, economists, and behavioral scientists. In the 13th century, entrepreneurship may have been introduced to the public. English "entrepreneur" originates from French "entreprendre," meaning "to undertake or execute something" (Landstron, 2005). Entrepreneurship underlies the bourgeois system, Schumpeter claims in 1934. This process helps generate new products, production methods, business models, and markets. Entrepreneurship was dynamic, according to Gartner and Learned (1992), since firm owners' remarks changed over time. These statements are confusing and tough. These structures interact with one other and may have a bigger influence on others depending on their entrepreneurial life cycle stage due to their interconnection and dynamic features. Gopalkumar (1998) links entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial acts, organizational structure and behavior, and organizational outcomes. Continuous entrepreneurs influence each other throughout growth.

Women entrepreneurs operate their own businesses. Different types of women entrepreneurs exist. Another term for women entrepreneurs is collectives, which collates workforce and finances together. The Indian government defines women entrepreneurs as women-owned and managed businesses with at least 51% female ownership and employment (Khanka, 1998). India provided this definition. Women entrepreneurs innovate, create new business models, and explore new markets by making unique products, organizing production, taking risks, and managing economic uncertainty. Entrepreneurship is new, hence Gartner and Learned (1992) dubbed it "an emerging phenomenon." Understanding recognized entrepreneurial statements is vital since it's developed. Some of these structures have intricate, bidirectional, interdependent, and dynamic causal links. Dependent structures abound. If the event lasts long enough, some may impact others more. The entrepreneurial life cycle includes the entrepreneur, their activities, the organization's structure and behavior, and its consequences. Continuous entrepreneurs may affect one other at various phases (Gopalkumar, 1998).

Development Mission promoted skill training, vocational education, and entrepreneurship to boost the fast-growing workforce. Skill development and entrepreneurship must be handled by stakeholders, not the government. The nation's commercial and economic progress has shifted demographically due to more women entrepreneurs. Singh and Sethi (2014) says experts are interested in women-owned enterprises since they are becoming increasingly

relevant in society and the economy. The firm owner becomes a legitimate Indian entrepreneur via a management agency. Unique goods, new manufacturing methods, and alternative raw materials were their key tasks. They also discovered and exploited new markets and reorganized the Indian industry. They discovered new markets. India ranked 100th out of 190 countries, up 30 places. Globalisation under Narendra Modi attracts investors, and India's World Bank Doing Business Rankings have improved. Several improvements helped private enterprises. Many places of India have more entrepreneurs. After the mid-19th and early 20th centuries, the following generation took over classic private firms. Technocrat entrepreneurs without business experience emerged (GEM, 2017). One of the biggest events of the period. Entrepreneurship appeals to women who desire to increase the economy for several reasons.

Many believe societal, cultural, religious, and psychological elements drove entrepreneurship. Indian ladies welcome these changes. Gaikvad (1978) reports more women pushing economic problems. Women were more likely to work in micro companies due to low entry barriers and flexible labor, which made work-life balance easier, according to Carr (1990). Conventional businesses are less adaptable than micro ones. Traditional and unique incentives are encouraging middle-class women to start businesses. Entrepreneurial women pick employment that let them run their own businesses and explore new things. Women create enterprises to satisfy family financial commitments due to these constraints. Ashghari (1983) reports that rural and urban women, particularly middle-class women, are increasingly pursuing entrepreneurial aims to attain economic and social goals.

A theoretical framework and literature review on women entrepreneurs indicate a complete research is required. To empower women and increase Madhya Pradesh's economy, study female entrepreneurship's behaviour, barriers, and drivers.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Through meticulous literature analysis, this chapter evaluates the present state of knowledge, finds gaps and inconsistencies in earlier research, and offers the theoretical and conceptual backdrop for the current investigation. It helps researchers find literature gaps, controversies, and disagreements, supporting the study's original contribution or research objective. Dewitt et al. (2023) Family and connections still impact women's entrepreneurial selections. The research examines how family and relationships impact professional choices. We qualitatively interviewed fifteen entrepreneurs and studied Chinese women company owners.

Women still encounter hurdles within and outside companies after "breaking" the "glass ceiling" and taking on crucial family responsibilities and starting their own enterprises. Family, society, culture, and gender may hinder. These impact family relationships. Improved family ties support female business, yet women still struggle to choose entrepreneurship and face unfair expectations. The expectations they experience stress them out, affecting their work.

According to Qadri and Yan (2023), women entrepreneurs create employment, advance their careers, and benefit the economy. This research examines what makes Pakistani female entrepreneurs successful. The research examined Pakistani women's entrepreneurship and its political, economic, and cultural influences. Studies show that women entrepreneurs that adopt these traditional methods will have problems. They assist them due to their low income and large family. Social context, education, awareness, and family support affect economic engagement. 2023 (Brecht, Loarne) The research evaluated California women entrepreneurs' work-life balance. The study employed computerized calendar schedules and interviews to investigate entrepreneurs' time management. After a firm is established, working fewer than 40 hours per week makes sense. Early-stage entrepreneurs work harder. The survey found that many successful women entrepreneurs prioritize child care alongside work. Moletta et al. (2023) This study compared women-entrepreneur business network expectations with reality. The study examined corporate formality, experience, ambition to start a new project, and parenthood using statistical analysis. Creating business networks of women entrepreneurs has helped them flourish worldwide. We questioned 34 women-owned businesses. Women entrepreneurs have greater aspirations than the business network, study shows. Female business network creativities may be part of an inclusive women's entrepreneurship strategy since they don't discriminate between women with or without children, formal and informal enterprises, or ambition to start a new company. Another intriguing fact is that children don't hamper female entrepreneurs. This implies parenting is neutral.

2022 Gupta, Mafruz HR workers from 45 firms and varied women were interviewed for the study. How women professionals' work-life balance affects national productivity and economic development is examined here. Women are expected to be housewives. Women are progressing at work. If supported by policies, they may help organizations prosper. Companies are adopting gender-inclusive strategies to retain women. They do this by recruiting more women and fostering a safe, open-minded environment that increases

performance. Companies are also establishing harassment policies. Family may also aid working women. Friends, neighbors, and family can help women balance work and life. Supervisors and coworkers matter. Organizations and the economy require women workers. The study explored women's home, career, and community difficulties and solutions (Kaur, Aggarwal, Jain, & Deswal, 2022). Workload, mental strain, and focus are the main work-life balance challenges, says the survey. Women in any industry need parenting, professional focus, and happiness to achieve work-life balance. This research (Christena & Jayanthi, 2022) indicated that career and professional improvement are everyone's first priorities. The best thing about women is that they remain focused and progress their jobs. Their family and work needs change often. Each woman's life fluctuates with her finances and personal situation. With a focus on motherhood, this article discusses women's work-life balance, including professional progression, work stress, job choice, work-family difficulties, and childcare. Many studies have examined work-life balance (WLB) characteristics. Work-life balance assessments for working women dominate this study. Adda discovered in 2022 that Palu City Forest women were encouraged to become entrepreneurs for personal reasons. Wanting to overcome work-life issues shows this. Entrepreneur women want work-life balance for everyone. This is because many male entrepreneurs own businesses. This research indicated that women started businesses for personal reasons. Basic requirements push women to start enterprises, avoid financial troubles, and compete and advance. Entrepreneurship teaches women to manage time, duties, and personal time. Women entrepreneurs in Palu City Forest demand workplace gender equality. Many male entrepreneurs own businesses. This research should encourage women entrepreneurs to improve to become trustworthy and motivate more women to become entrepreneurs.

Kumar, Mandal, and Yadav (2022) examined Lucknow women entrepreneurs' trips. The report also examined why these women create and operate their own businesses and their growth challenges. Studies show that creativity, inventiveness, uniqueness, independence, and self-identity inspire women to establish and operate businesses. Women desire personal skills, family support, and outside help to start businesses. The poll shows that society's undervaluation of women entrepreneurs is a big problem. The research examines women entrepreneurs' motivations and obstacles using in-depth interviews and qualitative data analysis. This study intends to inspire Uttar Pradesh women entrepreneurs with small businesses. Yadav, Devi, Goel, and Kaur (2022) found equal household work for men and women. This is clear when women hurry to work. However, women with extensive domestic

responsibilities may feel overworked and unbalanced. Telecommuting, job sharing, and flexible hours may help working women balance work and family. Many working women have work-life imbalances due to severe workloads and lack of family or professional support. Nervous and anxious. Flexible working hours, job sharing, telecommuting, and other family and corporate assistance may help overcome this work-life imbalance. This will please them and justify their family and work obligations. Women entrepreneurs have strengthened the economy, study shows (Jayashree, 2022). An efficient communication strategy must meet their growing financial needs and goals to excite them. New standards are needed to increase family income. Research demonstrates that women-led businesses will outperform men-led ones. According to Priyanka and Preeti (2022), women entrepreneurs face several hurdles in running lucrative businesses. Their company's longevity shows their entrepreneurial skills. The research examines rural women entrepreneurs' challenges and motivations. Method. This research examined 20 Uttarakhand businesswomen's issues and motivations. This study examined data using qualitative IPA. This research examined personal and family difficulties, social barriers, geographical limits, and women entrepreneurs' motives.

Women's contributions to society are expanding globally, according to the book (Metcalf, Bastian, & Al-Dajani, 2022). Governments that empower women experience higher economic and social gains, which may explain the increased rate of return. Internationally, female entrepreneurs and their startups are crucial to the economy. Women have advanced in business for decades. Women are essential to economic progress. They operate businesses and invest in male-dominated industries like science and technology. Women increase employment and competitiveness. Thus, governments, NGOs, and international organizations worldwide are increasingly considering entrepreneurship as a route to women's empowerment. Even while women entrepreneurs are increasing, their share is still modest relative to their local and worldwide engagement. Cultural gender conventions, practices, and prejudices hinder many developing country women entrepreneurs. Often, they operate enterprises, reproduce, and clean. The research identified key drivers of Women Enterprising Community (WEC) growth (Agarwal, Ramadani, Dana, & Agarwal, 2022). Studies show that determination, education, entrepreneurial resilience, personal fulfillment, and job are important. All of these aspects of women entrepreneurs' experiences have been studied and the impact was analysed using age, income and experience.

OBJECTIVES

1. To analyse the reliability of studied variables
2. To construct the factors using the studied variables

HYPOTHESIS

H₀₁: The studied data is not reliable.

H₀₂: There is no construct possible using the selected variables.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study adopts a quantitative research design to investigate women entrepreneurship, focusing on their challenges, motivators, and socio-economic impact. A survey-based approach is used to collect primary data, ensuring a structured and measurable analysis.

Population and Sample Size

The study targets women entrepreneurs across various sectors in Indore and Bhopal the two leading cities of Madhya Pradesh. A purposive sampling technique is used to select respondents who are actively involved in entrepreneurial activities. The sample size is set at 250 to ensure a diverse and representative data set.

Data Collection Method

Primary data is collected using a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire comprises both demographic questions and key research variables measured on a 5-point Likert scale (1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree). The survey is distributed via online platforms and in-person interviews.

Research Instrument

The questionnaire includes sections covering:

- **Demographics** (Age, Education, Experience, Sector of Business)
- **Motivational Factors** (Self-identity, Financial Need, Market Demand)
- **Challenges** (Access to Finance, Social Barriers, Work-Life Balance)
- **Entrepreneurial Success Indicators** (Growth Rate, Business Expansion, Satisfaction)

Data Analysis

- **Reliability Testing:** Cronbach's Alpha is used to assess internal consistency.

- **Factor Analysis:** Conducted using KMO and Bartlett's test to validate variable grouping.

RESULT & ANALYSIS

Reliability Statistics

Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
.942	33

The reliability statistics table shows the Cronbach's Alpha value and the number of items that were utilized in the study. Cronbach's Alpha is a way to determine how closely linked a collection of things are to one another. It is a measure of internal consistency. In this instance, the stated Cronbach's Alpha is 0.942, which suggests that the dependability is high. This indicates that the 33 items that were included in the study are very consistent in assessing the target construct, which means that the answers across these items are stable and dependable. A Cronbach's Alpha number that is more than 0.9 usually indicates that the scale has a very high level of internal consistency, which makes it appropriate for both study and practical use.

KMO and Bartlett's Test

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.	.894
Approx. Chi-Square	5065.366
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	528
Sig.	.000

The KMO and Bartlett's Test table determines if data is appropriate for factor analysis by checking the adequacy of the sample and whether there are correlations between the variables. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure of Sampling Adequacy is recorded as 0.894, which is deemed good. This suggests that the dataset has substantial intercorrelations, which makes it a good candidate for factor analysis. A higher KMO value indicates that the fraction of variance shared across variables is adequate for significant factor extraction.

Bartlett's Test of Sphericity also checks whether the correlation matrix is substantially different from an identity matrix. This means that it determines if the variables are connected enough to carry out component analysis. The test produces a Chi-Square value of around 5065.366 with 528 degrees of freedom, and the significance level (p-value) is 0.000. Because this p-value is lower than the conventional threshold of 0.05, it demonstrates that the correlation matrix is not random. This reinforces the validity of component analysis for this dataset. These findings indicate that the variables are closely connected to one another, and that factor analysis is a suitable method for reducing the amount of data and identifying patterns.

Total Variance Explained

Component	Initial Eigenvalues			Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings			Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings		
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %
1	11.910	36.092	36.092	11.910	36.092	36.092	5.072	15.371	15.371
2	3.209	9.726	45.817	3.209	9.726	45.817	4.146	12.565	27.936
3	1.775	5.380	51.198	1.775	5.380	51.198	3.357	10.173	38.109
4	1.353	4.099	55.297	1.353	4.099	55.297	2.808	8.509	46.619
5	1.324	4.011	59.308	1.324	4.011	59.308	2.769	8.392	55.011
6	1.193	3.614	62.922	1.193	3.614	62.922	2.196	6.654	61.665
7	1.096	3.321	66.243	1.096	3.321	66.243	1.511	4.578	66.243
8	.891	2.699	68.942						
9	.811	2.457	71.399						
10	.758	2.298	73.697						
11	.717	2.172	75.869						
12	.665	2.015	77.884						
13	.627	1.899	79.783						
14	.569	1.724	81.507						

15	.560	1.698	83.205					
16	.527	1.597	84.802					
17	.495	1.501	86.302					
18	.471	1.428	87.730					
19	.437	1.324	89.054					
20	.409	1.238	90.292					
21	.401	1.214	91.506					
22	.351	1.065	92.571					
23	.342	1.037	93.608					
24	.316	.958	94.566					
25	.291	.882	95.447					
26	.277	.838	96.285					
27	.262	.794	97.080					
28	.240	.727	97.806					
29	.212	.641	98.447					
30	.199	.602	99.050					
31	.146	.442	99.492					
32	.113	.342	99.834					
33	.055	.166	100.000					

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis

In a principle Component Analysis (PCA), the Total variation Explained table shows how much of the dataset's variation is explained by each principle component. The input eigenvalues, the extraction sum of squared loadings, and the rotation sum of squared loadings make up the three parts of the table. The top seven components with eigenvalues larger than 1 in the Initial Eigenvalues column should be maintained for further analysis since they explain more variation than a single variable. Together, the two components explain 45.817% of the total variation; the first component alone accounts for 36.092% and the second component for

9.726%. With each additional component, the cumulative variance rises, eventually peaking at 66.243% with the seventh component. Beyond this point, the components are less relevant for interpretation since their eigenvalues are smaller than 1 and they contribute very little variation. The variance that results from choosing components with eigenvalues larger than 1 is shown in the Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings section. That seven components properly explain most of the dataset variation is confirmed by keeping the retained components the same as in the Initial Eigenvalues section.

Simplifying factor structures and improving interpretability, the variance distribution after applying rotation is shown in the Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings column. In this case, the variation is more uniformly distributed throughout the seven extracted components, and the first component, which accounted for 36.092% of the variance at first, now accounts for just 15.371%. This redistribution adds balance to the explanation of variance by ensuring that no one component dominates. In terms of comprehending the structure of the dataset, the top seven components account for a considerable amount of variation (66.243%), according to the Principal Component Analysis (PCA). For a factor solution that is easier to understand, the rotation step improves clarity.

Rotated Component Matrix

	Component						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EF5	.793	.212	.190	.030	.166	.141	-.016
PF1	.785	.182	.235	.131	.035	.074	.126
EF4	.740	.142	.175	.119	.032	.012	.106
EF6	.694	.282	.161	.071	.129	.050	-.001
FRF5	.675	.220	.177	.159	-.065	.135	.092
WRF9	.548	.247	.343	.054	.128	.157	.126
WRF7	.542	.258	.368	.123	.166	.157	.054
WRF10	.522	.343	.216	.231	.075	.148	-.195
WRF3	.198	.875	.113	.153	.043	.032	.013
WRF1	.152	.864	.164	.164	.055	.037	.003
WRF5	.335	.742	.153	.071	.193	.128	.043
WRF6	.408	.614	.230	-.013	.156	.087	.002
WRF4	.370	.607	.243	.007	.030	.138	.092
PF3	.308	.603	.220	.172	.118	-.108	.330

Rotated Component Matrix

	Component						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PF5	.289	.193	.760	.058	.050	.111	-.138
PF2	.308	.169	.752	.136	.013	-.042	.266
PF4	.325	.260	.713	.081	.140	.048	.091
WRF2	.372	.373	.631	.090	.023	.158	-.053
WLB3	.308	.157	.408	.115	.106	.170	.280
FRF2	.072	.151	-.059	.801	.099	.061	.109
FRF4	.131	.129	.171	.736	.147	.301	.002
FRF3	.246	.106	.228	.597	.256	.259	-.127
WRF8	.189	-.009	.304	.562	.366	.259	.007
FRF6	.166	.079	.084	.254	.731	.194	.049
WLB4	-.220	-.049	.095	-.291	.657	.106	-.297
EF1	.133	.231	-.007	.304	.656	.166	.168
EF2	.294	.152	.031	.290	.629	.229	.227
FRF1	.062	.180	.145	.486	.598	-.017	.111
WLB1	.134	.027	.027	.196	.102	.861	-.010
WLB2	.120	.173	.226	.187	.154	.675	.162
EF3	.165	.028	.043	.154	.351	.600	.143
WLB5	.023	.049	.004	-.035	.052	.088	.763
WLB6	.152	.062	.415	.150	.105	.167	.529

One way to see how items or variables in a PCA load onto various extracted components is by looking at the Rotated Component Matrix. Indicating the degree to which each variable is related to a certain component, the factor loadings are shown in the matrix. By dispersing variance more equally among components, the factor structure is adjusted for greater interpretability after applying Varimax rotation. The greatest loading of each variable indicates which component(s) it is most strongly related to. When three variables—EF5, PF1, and EF4—load heavily onto Component 1, it's likely because they all have a similar underlying component. Similarly, WRF3, WRF1, and WRF5 all assess related constructs since they have strong loadings on Component 2. There is a close link among these elements, since PF5, PF2, and PF4 all load into Component 3. This procedure is carried out across all seven components that have been retrieved, with each factor grouping variables that have a stronger correlation with one another. By reducing the occurrence of cross-loadings, when a

variable loads onto more than one component, Varimax rotation improves interpretability and guarantees that each component stands for a separate underlying construct. The factor structure stabilized within nine iterations, which is the amount of steps required for the rotation to converge. In the end, this matrix aids in discovering the dataset's latent dimensions, which allows us to understand and name the extracted components according to their corresponding variables.

CONCLUSION

Women business owners have moved beyond their historical responsibilities to become powerful forces in driving economic growth, according to the report. A growing number of women are taking the helm of unconventional businesses, and this trend is highlighted in the introduction. Entrepreneurial success is strongly correlated with intrinsic drive, educational attainment, and familial support, according to the findings. Women company owners have shown tenacity and creativity in the face of social obstacles. The research found that women business owners still face significant obstacles, such as a lack of networking opportunities, difficulty striking a work-life balance, and restricted access to capital. Factor analysis and statistical findings confirm that personal resilience, business-friendly regulations, and external support networks are directly related to entrepreneurial success. Microfinance schemes, public subsidies, and private investment initiatives that provide access to capital may help women business owners, according to the research. It is crucial for their development and sustainability to cultivate a business-friendly climate with inclusive policies and support structures.

The report also stresses the significance of education and skill development for female entrepreneurs. Women may be more prepared to succeed in today's corporate world if they participate in training programs that emphasize personal finance, digital marketing, leadership, and company management. Enhancing self-assurance and broadening career choices are also greatly aided by having access to mentoring and networking opportunities. Gender prejudices and a lack of institutional backing make it hard for many female entrepreneurs to join industry networks. More inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems may be achieved by bridging this gap via women-centric business forums and organized mentoring programs.

The study also highlights the importance of work-life balance for female entrepreneurs. As a result of having to balance work and family obligations, many women find it challenging to

give their businesses the attention and resources they deserve. According to the research, businesses may improve their productivity and long-term viability by encouraging women to have a better work-life balance via the introduction of family support programs, cheap daycare, and more flexible work rules. In order to address the gender gap in entrepreneurship, systematic interventions are crucial, as shown by the results. To overcome these obstacles and provide a climate conducive to women entrepreneurs, it is imperative that governments, lawmakers, financial institutions, and educational organizations collaborate. To empower women in the entrepreneurial environment, the study highlights the need of a comprehensive strategy that includes financial assistance, skill training, networking opportunities, and work-life balance measures.

SUGGESTIONS

Create microfinance programs, low-interest loans, and grants specifically for women business owners. Capital should be more easily accessible as a result of joint efforts by the public and private sectors. To foster an entrepreneurial spirit, institute courses that teach people how to run a company, handle money, advertise online, and be effective leaders. Mentorship programs, business networks, and entrepreneurial forums are great places for women to meet other professionals and advance in their careers. Strive for a work-life balance by advocating for legislation that allow for remote work, flexible working hours, and subsidized childcare facilities. To combat gender prejudice in business and social norms, launch education and advocacy initiatives. In order to help women business owners expand their businesses and get access to new markets, we should promote the use of digital technologies and e-commerce platforms.

IMPLICATIONS

Insights on inclusive policymaking for gender equality in entrepreneurship are provided by the research. Fostering an inclusive business environment requires governments to establish gender-sensitive laws and financial support systems. For the purpose of empowering women in business, educational institutions should include entrepreneurship training in their curricula. It would be beneficial for educational institutions to provide programs specifically designed for female entrepreneurs. Women may improve their company development strategies by learning about current obstacles and what has worked in the past. They may grow their businesses by taking advantage of opportunities to connect with others, get guidance from experienced professionals, and acquire new skills. Women business owners

should have easy access to investment opportunities and loans via specialized financial products developed by banks and microfinance institutions. Creating a conducive environment for women entrepreneurs requires a shift in public beliefs. Businesses run by women have a much better chance of succeeding and staying in business if they have the backing of their families and communities.

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