



Main Action and Specific Sectors

The **Women Entrepreneurship for Africa (WE4A)** Programme supports women entrepreneurs across Africa by increasing **access to finance** as well as **technical support for businesses** to grow. WE4A wants to empower and improve the business capacity of communities in Sub-Saharan Africa comprising of women, youth, and the informal, in order to increase their chances of raising funding to scale from the private sector investors.

- Gender Equality
- Business skills development and Business creation
- Access to finance

WE4A (2021-2023)

The programme is co-financed by the European Union ([EU](#)) and the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States ([OACPS](#)) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit ([GIZ](#)) and the Tony Elumelu Foundation ([TEF](#)).

CORE BUSINESSES: It supports the TEF Entrepreneurship Programme and increases market opportunities for TEF Alumni in some of the Employment and Skills for Development in Africa ([E4D](#)) countries GIZ programme.

1. **Train** on Gender sensitive entrepreneurship and seed Capital for African women entrepreneurs.
2. **Connect** the African women entrepreneurs to private sector initiatives and technical assistance.
3. **Secure** African women entrepreneurs second stage financing to be fully bankable and to capitalize on the employment potential of their businesses.

Discover more about the **WE4A Programme**:

- OACPS Private Sector Development Platform, click [here](#).
- Programme Factsheet, click [here](#).
- TEF web page, click [here](#).

Component 1
TEF Entrepreneurship Programme

Component 2
Technical support and business linkages

Component 3
2nd Stage Financing

How to Benefit from the Action and the Knowledge Generated by WE4A?

- **Gender sensitive online entrepreneurship training** and seed capital for OACPS African women entrepreneurs provided by TEF.
 - **TEF Entrepreneurship Programme** is the largest African Philanthropic Initiative to empower African Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurship. Read more about the programme and how to get involved by clicking [here](#).
 - To access programme information, **apply for the 2022 TEF Entrepreneurship Programme** (5,000\$ funding, mentorship and training) and find knowledge resources, the registration to the TEFConnect Platform is required. Click [here](#) to join the platform.
 - For 2021, all applicants have been shortlisted into four buckets to begin the training phase:
 - 4.31% Preparatory
 - 37.9% Start-up
 - 23.81% Innovator
 - 37.98% Advanced
- **Support to link African women entrepreneurs to private sector networks** and providing necessary technical assistance in selected E4D countries (Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda).
 - Linkages to existing E4D programmes.
 - Tailor-made Technical Assistance addressing commonly expressed needs of the enterprises.
 - Three key intervention areas have been identified so far as potentially benefitting the alumni:
 - Technical support
 - Access to markets and business networks
 - Access to finance
 - Read more about the **E4D implementation** by clicking [here](#) and the **Factsheet 2021** by clicking [here](#).

**Sector: Women Economic Empowerment**

- **Acceleration and growth program**, including direct 2nd stage financing for 120 OACPS African women entrepreneurs from the TEF alumni network.
 - Running the growth and acceleration programs of WE4A is the **Swiss Association for Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets (SAFEEM)**. The **virtual Acceleration Program** seeks to provide 120 female entrepreneurs from the TEF alumni network, with access to €10.000 in grant funding that will be paired with 3 months of technical support.
 - More information about the programme by clicking [here](#).
 - Check out the selected startups by cluster:
 - **Agriculture 1** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Agriculture 2** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Consumer Products** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Eco-Friendly** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Education and Training** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Health** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Market Places** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).
 - **Services** – Check the selected companies by clicking [here](#).