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Infrastructure and cities programming provide critical opportunities to boost economic growth. However, infrastructure provision and urban development alone are not enough to ensure that economic growth benefits the poor and marginalised.

The design and implementation of programmes need to be conceived and put in place with purposeful planning for inclusive approaches.

DFID has a strong policy framework for ensuring that gender equality and inclusion of the most marginalised in society play a central role in achieving inclusive growth and have made global commitments on both.

The ICED facility has developed a strategy that reflects this framework and translates it into a concrete proposition for engaging with this important agenda.

DFID advisers can get support from ICED to embed G&I within infrastructure and cities programming, supporting DFID to achieve its Leave No One Behind and gender equality policy objectives in this space.

ICED Support for Gender and Inclusion Mainstreaming

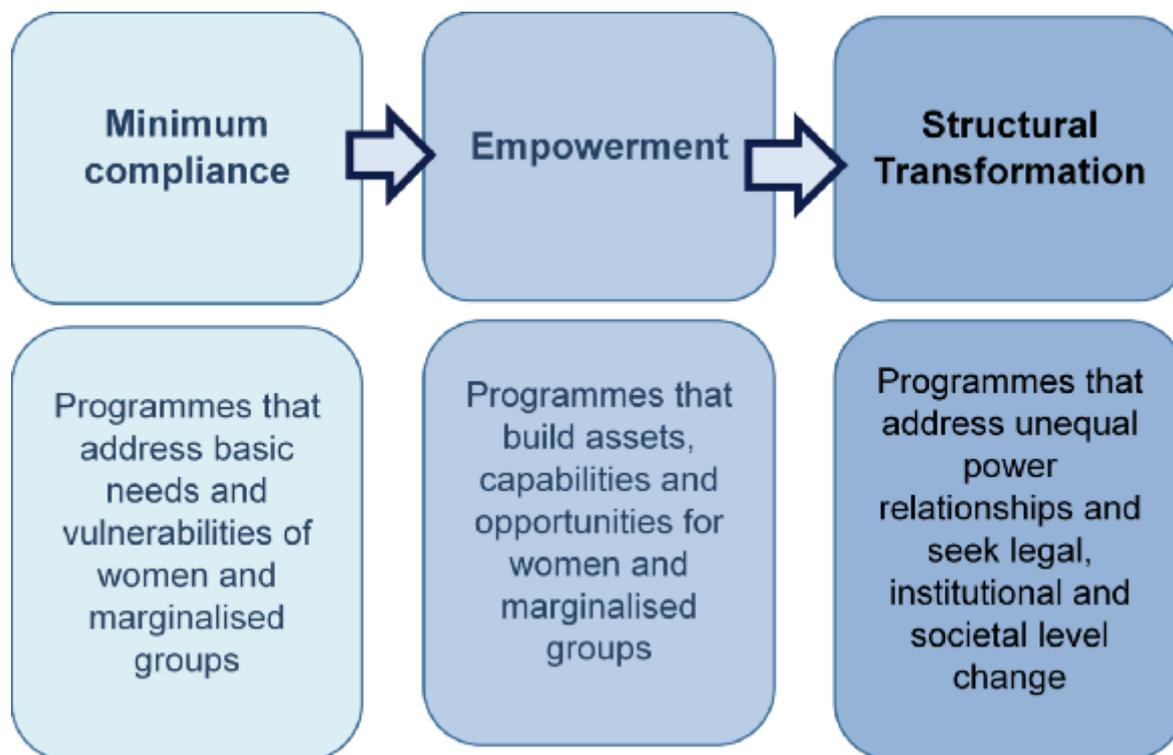
The critical element of our offer is the G&I Framework that maps out a continuum for mainstreaming gender and inclusion in ICED.

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It guides programming from addressing needs and vulnerabilities as a **minimum level of ambition**, to interventions that will **build individual assets, capabilities and opportunities**, through to those that are more focused on **structural transformation**.



ICED G&I Framework for Structural Transformation

The ICED G&I Framework will be used to:

- Help raise the level of ambition of each programme that ICED supports
- Encourage proactive integration of gender and inclusion
- Support programmes that work towards transformative outcomes
- Play a catalytic role in driving investments in infrastructures and cities that strive for structural transformation.

Priority G&I Entry points for Structural Transformation

In order to translate the principles in the G&I Framework into practice, ICED has developed seven priority gender and inclusion entry points. These seven entry points, which align with the New Urban Agenda as well as DFID Priority areas for infrastructure programming, are as follows:

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The seven entry points above will be used by ICED:

- To identify initiatives that offer the greatest transformative potential
- To concentrate ICED resources to support those programmes to realise their potential
- To promote collective action as a key mechanism for transformative change that cuts across all seven entry points.

ICED Work on Gender and Inclusion to date

High Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment: The ICED Facility was instrumental in ensuring the first ever report by the High Level Panel (HLP) on Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) report recognised the potential role of infrastructure as a game-changer.

DFID Pakistan Urban Productivity Scoping Study: The ICED facility is working with DFID Pakistan to analyse and prioritise new interventions to tackle low urban productivity. The Scoping Report will draw on the ICED G&I strategy, WEE Scoping Study and ICED's submission to the High Level Panel on WEE in order to seek out opportunities to mainstream G&I.

DFID Asia Regional Team Development Capital Platform: The ICED facility supported DFID's Asia Regional team to address the gaps in Business Case development related to unlocking additional impacts from DevCap investments for women and girls.

How do I get ICED support for Gender & Inclusion?

Infrastructure and Cities for Economic Development (ICED) is a new flexible facility designed to accelerate DFID's infrastructure and cities initiatives across the world to contribute to poverty reduction and resilient, inclusive and transformative economic growth.

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