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Making Change Happen Project will release its second gender Assessment on the media. As the first Assessment was focused on Selected Ethiopian Mass medias, the upcoming will focus on selected Printmedias. The Assessment will include gender decision.

making, sensitivity, mainstreaming and pretrial on the 6 month printed issues of the selected newspapers. Results will be discussed on and validated with invited media, and gender experts.



VAW/G during COVID-19 Rapid Assessment Discussion Workshop

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Initiative Africa (IA) is in the co-development process with **Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Union (CETU)** a project aiming to enhance awareness of employees and increase the number of trade unions. IA will soon sign an agreement and begin the implementation phase.





Technical Assistance [TA] for IGF Beneficiaries

Initiative Africa (IA), has designed and is continually delivering targeted Technical Assistance [TA] and Capacity Building activities for the selected IGF's beneficiaries. Following the selection of the first round IGF grantees, IA has also been providing one-on-one mentoring for IGF recipients on Monitoring, Evaluation, and data collection.

Many IGF grantees have minimal experience with monitoring and evaluation or best practices for grant management. The trainings focus on helping grantees understand the expectations for grant reporting and financial management while highlighting the importance of continuous Monitoring and Evaluation[M&E] throughout project implementation.

Following the one-on-one mentoring, IA has been working closely with the grantees as they develop and submit monitoring and evaluation frameworks for their projects, with a focus on having IGF grantees develop M&E frameworks that fit into the "Empowering Marginal Economic Actors through the Bottom-up" consortium partner's integrated M&E approach.

To ensure grantee funds are used appropriately, IA has also made sure that grantees opened a separate bank account for grant funds, have in place the right process to keep receipts and other financial documentation. These principles have been incorporated into the IGF's fund transfer principles.

A Discussion Workshop on the Rapid Assessment on VAW/G during COVID-19

Initiative Africa, with the support of the Sweden Embassy has been implementing the Gender Equality – Making Change Happen project since 2018. One of the Projects objectives is fighting violence against women and girls. There was a growing concern of VAW/G during the partial lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, IA conducted a rapid assessment.

The rapid assessment was surveyed by Dr. Sewalem Consultancy Service and covered a 6-month period before and during the pandemic in 5 sub-cities of Addis Ababa.

Initiative Africa held a validation workshop on the rapid assessment report on Saturday, January 30, 2021. The workshop discussed and reviewed the Rapid Assessment report findings and mitigation recommendations by gender expert, Doctors, Physiatrists from private and other Organizations, Government, and media representatives.

The workshop went well with many recommendation points and added different angles on the report to strengthen the report. The final report of the assessment will be released in the coming month and distributed through online medias and in printed copies.

