

Monthly Progress Report

Name of the Project:	WOMEN ENTRPRENEOURSHIP – LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (WE-LEAD) IN JHARKHAND
Implementation Agency:	Association of Microfinance Institutions West Bengal (AMFI-WB)
Project Duration:	24 months (September 2024 – September 2026)
Project Budget:	Total project cost is ₹1,51,96,000/- out of which, ₹1,44,00,000/- will be met out of grant assistance from SIDBI and balance ₹7,96,000/-will be brought in by AMFI-WB from its own/other sources
Reporting Month & Year:	March 2026

Activities done in the reporting month:

S.N	Project deliverables	Status
1	Development of EDP training module in Hindi.	The development of Hindi and English module for Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under the WE-LEAD Project has been successfully completed. The module covered 10 structured topics including business and enterprise basics, market linkages, entrepreneurial competencies, customer orientation, financial literacy, credit access, licensing and registration, bookkeeping, digital literacy, and prevention of digital fraud. The modules aimed at enhancing the knowledge, skills, and entrepreneurial mindset of women beneficiaries to enable them to start, manage, and expand micro-enterprises effectively. Each module was followed by an assessment to ensure participants' understanding and application.

2	Mobilization of 10,000 SHGs/JLGs women members and providing EDP training.	A total of 10772 women (new 8317, Existing 2445) has been covered through the baseline survey to assess their socio-economic status and entrepreneurial potential. Out of these, 8482 women have successfully completed the Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training , equipping them with essential business, financial, and digital skills to prepare for trade-specific training and enterprise development.
3	Identifying 8000 women beneficiaries (5,600-New & 2,400-Existing Entrepreneurs) and providing trade specific skill training.	Out of the targeted 8,000 beneficiaries, 5745 women have been identified for trade-specific training. So far, 5542 beneficiaries have successfully completed trade training across key livelihood activities – Tailoring (798), Food Processing (789), Incense Stick Making (1154), Soap & Detergent (805), Candle Making (520), Pickle papad (972), Bangle making and artificial jewellery (285), Millet Food products making (219) . These trainings are equipping women with practical skills to initiate or expand their enterprises in their respective trades.
4.	Existing beneficiary support	Organised a training program with Total number of 136 existing beneficiaries who are engaged in rope making activity where government administration has engaged and ensure the handholding support to extend their existing business and provide financial support to them for establishment of community building where they can easily store their product. Additionally, financial support for machinery purchase has been also ensured during the training organised by AMFI-WB.
4	Formalization of at least 3920 new entrepreneurs (70% of 5600) by providing suitable registration (i.e. Onboarding on the Udyam Assist Platform).	101 Udyam Aadhar has been successfully done by LC/EDP and completion of entry on the portal.

5	Provide credit linkage to at least 5600 women entrepreneurs to start or expand their enterprises. Out of which at least 3920 women shall be new entrepreneurs.	This month Credit Linkage has been provided to 521 beneficiaries. The amount is around 26762515/-
6	Provide market linkages for existing and potential entrepreneurs and Onboarding of at least 1000 women entrepreneurs at ONDC or any other e-commerce platforms.	Preliminary discussions with ONDC facilitators and e-commerce partners have been conducted. The onboarding process has already begun. Enrolment of 1 beneficiary has been done.
7	Organize at least 6 Buyers-Sellers' interfaces at local levels.	The groundwork for organizing district-level buyer-seller meets is being laid. These events will focus on connecting SHG/JLG women with local retailers, wholesalers, and online marketplaces. The first round of interfaces is planned in June 2026.
8	To conduct a research study on the present status of the microfinance industry in Jharkhand along with the mid-term and end-term impact assessment of the project.	Data collection of project beneficiaries is currently under process. The mid-term study, which will assess the impact of the interventions, is scheduled but has not been conducted yet. Preparations are underway to ensure timely completion in the upcoming months
9	Preparation of Business plan for the trained beneficiaries	Total number of 600 business plans for 4003 trained beneficiaries who are interested in starting their business in upcoming days individually or group business in various trades like tailoring, Incense stick making, soap detergent making.
10	Refresher training	3 days refresher training on EDP Module for WE LEAD Jharkhand staff has been successfully completed – from dated 10.02.2026 to 12.02.2026 at AMFI WB Head office Kolkata.

Status of Utilization of Fund:	S.No	Budget Head	Amount in ₹	Utilization Till February 28th
	1.	Project staff capacity building including refresher training	2,10,000.00	210,000
	2.	Module development and Capacity Building of Project Staff Training on the EDP module.	1,90,000.00	45,060
	3.	Sensitizing of women on EDP by conducting awareness training and imparting trade-wise training. Cost of training material printing, hiring resource person and training hall, training material, and related expenses.	38,00,000.00	17,50,961
	4.	Organizing 6 buyers-seller meet.	2,40,000.00	0
	5.	State Project Office Rent	3,60,000.00	156,321
	6.	Monitoring and Evaluation tools integration with previously developed Web Portal.	3,00,000.00	290,000
	7.	Human Resource Cost	90,24,000.00	52,00,112
	8.	Travel and Communication	7,20,000.00	376,491
	9.	Administrative cost (Office stationaries, electricity, office utilities and inception and marketing events etc.)	3,52,000.00	179,875
	Total Project Budget		1,51,96,000.00	82,08,820
	SIDBI Contribution (approx. 95%)		1,44,00,000.00	77,71,020
	AMFI-WB Contribution (5%)		7,96,000.00	437,800

Action Plan for Upcoming Month:	1. Continuation of EDP training 2. Continuation of trade training in each blocks as per our project target 3. Udyam Aadhar Registration of the beneficiaries who has completed the trade training. 4. Provide market linkages for existing and potential entrepreneurs and on boarding of at least 1000 women entrepreneurs at ONDC or any other e-commerce platforms. 5. Credit linkage of Beneficiaries 6. Branding packaging of the products made by beneficiaries under WE LEAD Project.
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