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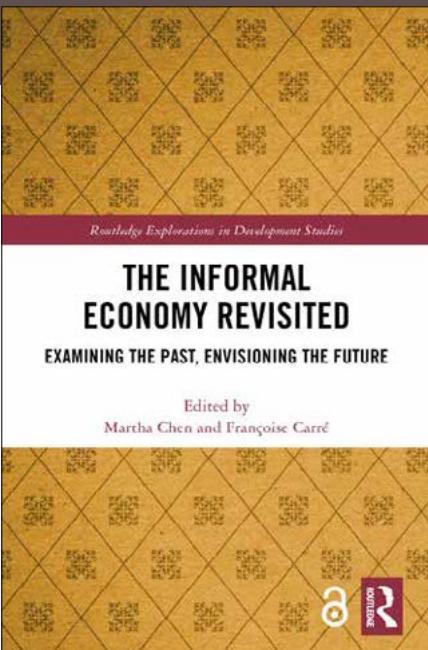
GANGA BEN VANITA leads a team of male labourers in the renovation of apartments. Previously a construction labourer with unsteady daily work, she attended a skills training programme offered by the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and Mahila Housing Trust (MHT). Now, as a contractor, Ganga earns double her previous salary.

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Books and Special Issues

In addition to the publication of numerous journal articles,¹ WIEGO has edited special issues of journals and books. Notable examples are included here.



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¹For a list of journal articles published by team members see [Peer reviewed publications by WIEGO team members – 2019-2021](#)

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PUBLICATION SERIES

ANNA NKOBELÉ, shown here working in her employer's home, belongs to a community organization called Domestic Watch, which meets monthly to teach domestic workers to be aware and safe.

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Working Papers

**COVID-19 and Informal Work:
Distinct Pathways of Impact and
Recovery in 11 Cities Around the World**

By Martha Chen, Erofili Grapsa, Ghida Ismail, Mike Rogan and Marcela Valdivia with Laura Alfers, Jenna Harvey, Ana Carolina Ogando, Sarah Orleans Reed and Sally Roever

WIEGO Working Paper N° 42
May 2021

WORKING PAPERS feature research that makes either an empirical or a theoretical contribution to existing knowledge about the informal economy. Particular attention is paid to policy-relevant research. All WIEGO Working Papers are peer reviewed by the WIEGO Research Team and/or external experts.

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WIEGO Working Paper No. 32.

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The image shows the cover of a WIEGO Working Paper. At the top left is the WIEGO logo with the text "WIEGO Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing". The title "Tax Justice and the Informal Economy: A Review of the Debates" is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below it, it says "By Michael Rogan". A short blurb at the bottom left reads: "A deeper understanding of the administration and political economy of informal sector taxation is needed to develop fair, equitable systems." The background of the cover features a woman in a green patterned shirt standing in what appears to be a market or informal employment setting.

Tax Justice and the Informal Economy: A Review of the Debates

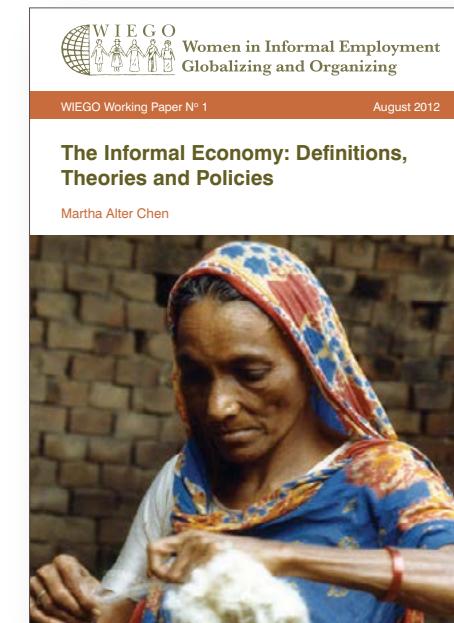
By Michael Rogan

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ESPAÑOL: La economía informal: definiciones, teorías y políticas.



BRIEFS

WIEGO'S BRIEFS aim to provide user-friendly documentation for those involved in advocacy, policy and research on the informal economy. There are six types of briefs, each with a different focus.

Policy Briefs



The vast majority of workers interviewed reported not having a benefit to help them pay for health care, over 40 per cent reported having to take out a loan to finance a health-care visit. Photo by IDWF.

Key Points

- There are an estimated 500,000 domestic workers in Delhi, where the bulk of the demand for domestic work is for part-time workers. Most have multiple employers and work more than 40 hours per week.
- While there are some policies in place, domestic workers in India are currently excluded from work-related risks, with the typical domestic worker facing multiple risks that threaten her safety and security for survival. Among other such risks are sexual harassment, work-related injury or ill health, and lack of bargaining power, with written contracts.
- Domestic workers in Delhi spend the equivalent of three-quarters of a week's wage on a health-care visit, despite various governmental schemes to help workers access health care. Also, most have no access to maternity leave or other benefits including pensions. Migrant workers often encounter problems in applying for benefits because the necessary documentation is kept in their home village, and is incomplete.
- Following recommendations to the Delhi state government are that a minimum wage notification be set for domestic workers, that child labour support measures be strengthened, and that a law force be established to consider the social protection needs of domestic workers, taking into account migrant status.
- COVID-19 and its impacts, large numbers of domestic workers in Delhi are said to have lost their jobs and about 80 per cent face severe to moderate economic crises. The sector was largely excluded from emergency grants and food rations.

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Informal Work in South Africa and COVID-19: Gendered Impacts and Priority Interventions.

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POLICY BRIEFS offer information on policies and organizational practices that affect the informal economy. This series supports advocacy processes and disseminates better practices and ideas, contributing to a worker- and livelihood-centred approach to development

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Assessing Access by Informal Workers.
WIFGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 10

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The Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme: Assessing Access by Informal Workers.
WIFGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 9.

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The Regularization of Street Vending in Bhubaneshwar, India: A Policy Model.
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Overview of the Legal Framework for Inclusion of Informal Recyclers in Solid Waste Management in Brazil.
WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 6.

ESPAÑOL: Resumen del marco legal para la inclusión de los recicladores informales en el manejo de residuos sólidos en Brasil.
PORTUGUÉS: Visão geral dos Instrumentos Legais para a Inclusão de Recicladores Informais na Gestão de Resíduos Sólidos no Brasil.

Dias, Sonia. 2011. *The Municipal Waste and Citizenship Forum: A Platform for Social Inclusion and Participation. WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 5.*

ESPAÑOL: El Foro Municipal de Residuos y Ciudadanía: Una plataforma para la inclusión y la participación social

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Dias, Sonia. 2011. *Integrating Informal Workers into Selective Waste Collection: The Case of Belo Horizonte, Brazil.* WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 4.

ESPAÑOL: Integración de los trabajadores informales en la recolección selectiva de residuos: El caso de Belo Horizonte, Brasil
PORTEGÜÉS: Integração de Trabalhadores Informais na Coleta Seletiva de Recicláveis: o Caso de Belo Horizonte, Brasil.

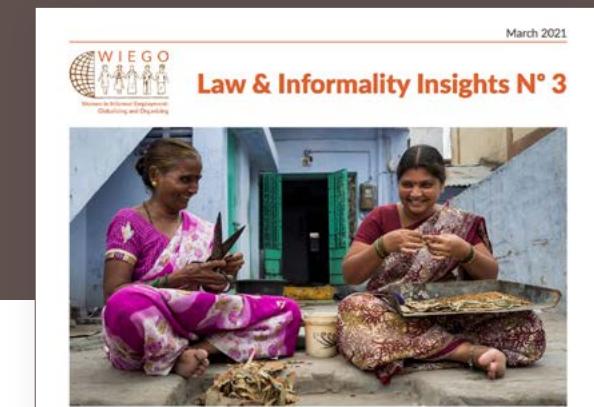
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ESPAÑOL: La Política nacional de vendedores ambulantes urbanos de la India.

Rusling, Sara. 2010.
*Approaches to Basic Service Delivery for the Working Poor:
Assessing the Impact of the Parivartan Slum Upgrading
Programme in Ahmedabad, India.*
WIEGO Policy Brief (Urban Policies) No. 1.

Law and Informality Insights



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Law & Informality Insights N° 3

Home-based workers hand rolling Indian-style cigarettes in informal settlements in India.
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The "Right to the City" and Emerging Indian Jurisprudence: Implications for Informal Livelihoods

Matthew Idiculla¹ and Roopa Madhav²

The "Right to the City" idea has gained traction in international forums, especially since 2005, with the adoption of the World Charter on the Right to the City. As the result of a global campaign by urban activists and civil society organizations, the Right to the City became one of the key drivers for the New Urban Agenda that was adopted in the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016. The New Urban Agenda states that "all inhabitants" have the right to "inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements".³

The idea of the Right to the City was first introduced by French philosopher Henri Lefebvre who said that "the right to the city is like a cry and a demand [...] a transformed and renewed right to urban life".⁴ The Right

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³ The New Urban Agenda, United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador, 20 October 2016. Available at <https://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/>

⁴ Lefebvre, Henri. *Writings on cities*. Blackwell, Cambridge, 1996.

LAW AND INFORMALITY INSIGHTS reflect on our work supporting informal worker organizations to know, use and shape the law, and analyze statutory developments, law-making processes and jurisprudence that impact informal workers and their advocacy strategies. In 2019 they replaced our legal briefs.

Law programme, 2020.

Informal Workers Gaining Recognition and Rights as Workers: Recent Publications and Resources.

Law and Informality Insights, No. 1.

ESPAÑOL: *Publicaciones recientes y recursos centrados en la obtención de reconocimiento y derechos laborales para las trabajadoras y trabajadores en empleo informal.*

FRANÇAIS: *Publications et ressources récentes consacrées aux travailleuses et travailleurs de l'informel qui gagnent en reconnaissance et en droits.*

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WIEGO Legal Brief No. 4.

Souza, Bruno Miragaia, Juliana Avanci, Luciana Itikawa. 2013. *ESPAÑOL: A Experiência de Advocacy no caso dos Trabalhadores Ambulantes em São Paulo.*

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Corrarino, Megan. 2013. *Using the Right to Information in the Informal Economy: A How-To Guide.*

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Sankaran, Kamala and Roopa Madhav. 2013. *Legal and Policy Tools to Meet Informal Workers' Demands: Lessons from India.*

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Organizing Briefs

The image shows the cover of the WIEGO Organizing Brief N° 10, titled 'Las movilizaciones de las trabajadoras del hogar bolivianas' by Pablo Castaño. It features a photograph of several women in domestic work uniforms. The text on the cover includes the WIEGO logo, the title, author, and publication date (Enero de 2018). A small inset image on the right shows a document titled 'Tenemos derecho a un seguro de salud al periodo de enfermedad y descanso postnatal'.

ORGANIZING BRIEFS contain information on organizing strategies and practices in the informal economy. This series aims to support organizing efforts and disseminate better practices.

The image shows the cover of the WIEGO Organizing Brief N° 9, titled 'Informal Workers and Collective Bargaining: Five Case Studies' by Debbie Budlender. It features a photograph of a woman speaking at a protest or rally. The text on the cover includes the WIEGO logo, the title, author, and publication date (October 2013). A small inset image on the right shows a photograph of a protest march.

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The Mobilization of Bolivian Domestic Workers.
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Organizing Reclaimers in Tshwane, South Africa: Lessons from Top Down and Bottom Up Experiences.
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ESPAÑOL: Organizando recicladores en Tshwane, Sudáfrica: Lecciones de las experiencias de arriba para abajo y de abajo para arriba.

FRANÇAIS: Organiser les récupérateurs à Tshwane, Afrique du Sud: Leçons apprises des approches descendante et ascendante.

PORTUGUÊS: Organizando Os Catadores de Recicláveis Em Tshwane, África do Sul: Lições das Experiências "Top Down e Bottom Up" (De cima para Baixo e da Base para Cima).

HINDI: अचूक तकरी, छछणा ट्रक्कर्जन में वट्टमाल वर्मन कार्कोँ। वर्मन संस्थान कथन : वैष्णवीकृत टजीश छछाईकृत टन्कभजनी ऐ अचूक स्व

ORGANIZING BRIEFS continued

WIEGO Organizing Brief No. 4



Organizing on the Streets: A Study of Reclaimers in the Streets of Cape Town

By Koni Benson & Nandi Vanqa-Mgijima
International Labour Research & Information Group (ILRIG)

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ESPAÑOL: *Organizando en las calles: Un estudio de recicladores en las calles de Ciudad del Cabo.*

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**Home-Based Workers in India:
A Statistical Profile**
Govindan Raveendran

Between 2011-12 and 2017-18, the number of home-based workers decreased significantly. The drop was greater than the drop in India's total employment and was largely due to the significant decrease in the employment of women in home-based agricultural work.

In India, the number of home-based workers was 47.34 million in 2004-05 and 47.2 million in 2011-12 (Table 1). In both years, home-based work comprised 11 per cent of total workers. By 2017-18, the estimated number of home-based workers decreased to 41.85 million or 9 per cent of employment. This reduction of 7.5 million home-based workers during the survey period is greater than the 6.2 million decline in India's total employment – from 46.77 million to 46.15 million workers.

Table 1: Home-based workers in total, agriculture and non-agriculture employment by sex in India, 2004-05 to 2017-18: Numbers in millions and per cent of employment in parentheses

Year	Total			Agriculture			Non-Agriculture			
	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	
2004-05	47.14	(10.5)	27.54	(19.2)	19.60	(6.4)	15.40	(6.1)	2.66	(1.8)
2011-12	49.20	(10.5)	25.48	(20.1)	23.72	(7.0)	11.15	(5.0)	9.62	(11.5)
2017-18	41.85	(9.1)	17.19	(16.4)	24.66	(6.9)	8.62	(4.4)	4.71	(8.2)

¹ The data presented in this brief are from the 2017-18 Periodic Labour Force Survey and the 2011-12 and 2004-2005 Surveys of Employment and Unemployment. All are conducted by the India National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). www.wiego.org

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**Informal Workers in Ghana:
A Statistical Snapshot**
William Baah-Boateng & Joann Vanek

Women outnumber men in the labour force of Ghana (Table 1).¹ In Greater Accra and nationally, women represent 54 per cent of all workers and men 46 per cent. In urban Ghana, women represent 55 per cent of all workers and men 45 per cent.

Table 1: Employment in Greater Accra, urban Ghana and Ghana nationally, by sex: Numbers and per cent of total employment

Numbers and per cent (millions and %)	Total Employment		Total Employment		Total Employment
	Women	Men	Total	Women	
Greater Accra	846,794 (53.7)	721,432 (46.3)	1,578,226	41.4%	58.6%
Urban Ghana	2,534,874 (55.3)	2,045,941 (44.7)	4,580,815	55.0%	45.0%
Ghana National	4,702,739 (53.5)	4,081,655 (44.5)	8,794,394	54.0%	46.0%

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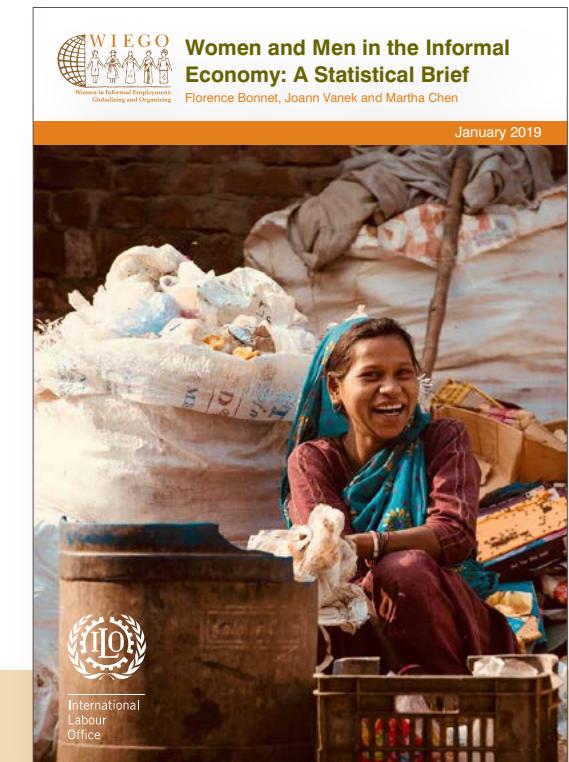
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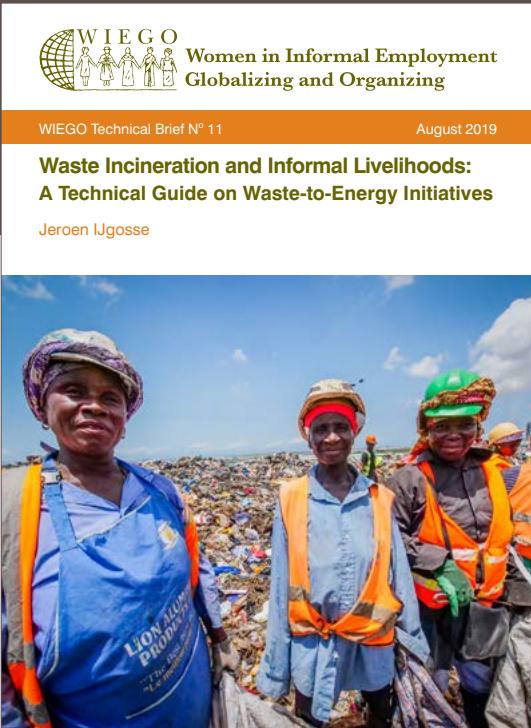
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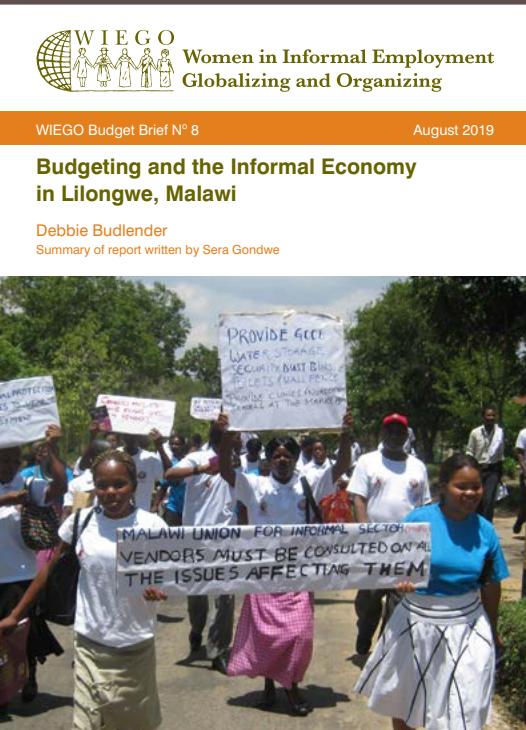
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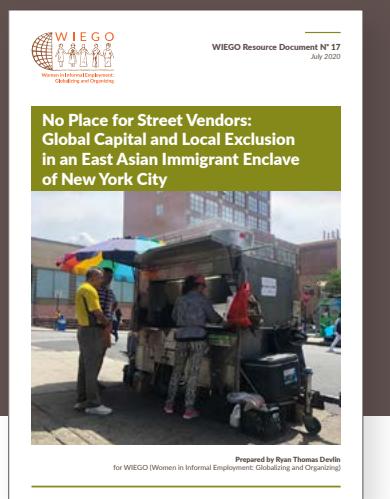
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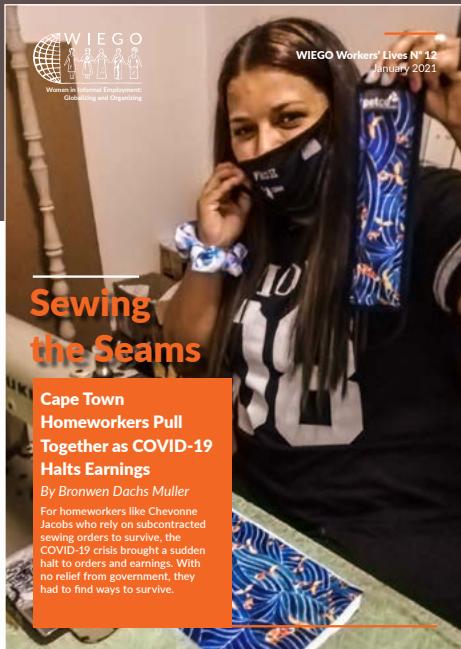
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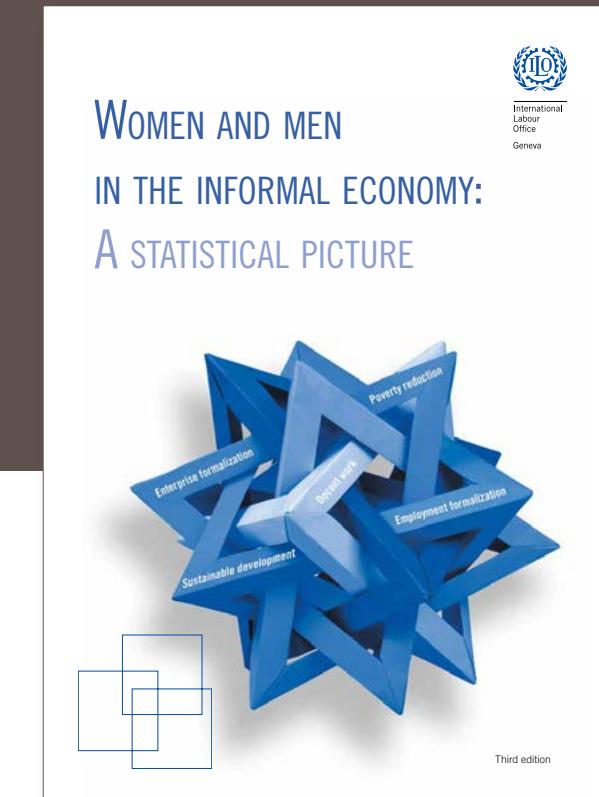
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AHMEDABAD, INDIA: Padma, a representative from the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), a trade union for poor, self-employed women in the informal sector, leads a nutrition programme for mothers at the BALSEWA Centre. The Centre holistically addresses issues for women working in the informal sector by providing affordable daycare, health check-ups and educational programmes. The Centre's daycare allows SEWA members to earn essential income for their families while keeping their children in a safe educational space.

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Informal Economy Statistics



THE STATISTICS PROGRAM collaborates with official statisticians to develop statistics that make visible the size and significance of the informal economy, and the situation of those working in it. WIEGO collaborates closely with the International Labour Organization (ILO), which, under the international statistical system, is responsible for labour force statistics. WIEGO has either co-authored or played an advisory role in developing the ILO's flagship publications on informal economy statistics.

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COVID-19 Emergency Response

Monitoring Impact

As soon as governments implemented measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, WIEGO assessed the impact on informal workers' lives and livelihoods.



Informal Workers in the COVID-19 Crisis

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE continued

Health guidelines for workers

As the pandemic took hold, it became apparent that few practical health and safety guidelines existed for workers in the informal economy. WIEGO researchers partnered with health professionals and worker organizations to develop materials.

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR INFORMAL TRADERS

The coronavirus is highly infectious.

It spreads through contact with people who already have the virus – even those who do not show symptoms – or from touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your eyes, mouth or nose. COVID-19 sticks to surfaces – plastic, cardboard, metal, wood and money. It can stay on these for up to five days. These are some guidelines to prevent being infected and infecting others.

Research shows that across the global South, informal operators are key to the food security of low-income households. Some countries have recognised this and declared informal food traders essential service providers.

As long as safety guidelines are followed, informal traders can trade as safely as supermarkets.

IF YOU ARE AT WORK AS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDER:

Fingers interlaced

Thumbs

- 1 Wash your hands with soap and water often:
 - Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Clean all parts of your hands and fingers, washing between fingers and fingernails and halfway up your forearms.
 - Wash your hands before you start work/day, throughout the day and after you leave work.
 - Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.
 - Wash your hands after touching any object that others regularly touch.
 - Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

NOTE: Hand sanitiser does not work as an preventative measure on dry hands – because the virus sticks to the oil on your hands. When you wash your hands, do not forget to tap with your thumbs. Open them and close it with a few of your fingers that you can see.

- 9 Clean all frequently touched surfaces, including your cell phone screen, and also door handles and railings.

Street and market traders:

- 10 Street and market traders:
Clean your tables and products with disinfectant.
House-shops owners and employees:
Wipe down surfaces such as countertops, till and handles with disinfectant. Provide sanitiser for customers entering and leaving if possible.

How to make your own disinfectant

If you do not have sanitiser:

1 cup of bleach in 6 cups of water (1:6 ratio)

disinfectant:

Warning on the use of gloves:

The advice from public health specialists is – if you use disposable gloves to protect yourself, they should be thrown away after each task. The virus sits on gloves and cannot be washed off in the same way as washing hands. Used gloves should be treated as contaminated. It is much better to be able to wash your hands with soap and water than to use gloves.

REMEMBER: If you or a family member develop symptoms, please follow local public health advisories.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

Most people infected with COVID-19 experience a cough, fever, sore throat and shortness of breath – but are able to recover at home. Older people, people with medical conditions like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious complications. If you feel unwell, seek medical attention immediately. Call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority. The World Health Organisation provides regularly updated advice for the public [here](#).

STAY AT HOME:

Doctors advise staying at home, if you can. This is why direct financial support from national government to all informal workers is critical.

- Elderly people are particularly at risk if they contract the virus. If you are elderly or live with elderly people (those over 60), you should stay at home.
- If you are unwell, consider an existing condition, or older than 60, you should ask someone else to run your business for you during the COVID-19 epidemic.

- 5 Street and market traders' need to trade two metres apart, so local governments need to be flexible with trader layouts and locations.

- 6 Customers should keep two metres distance from each other, by queuing alongside trader/market stalls or outside spaces. Drawing lines on the ground is a simple way to show how people should stand and queue. Encourage customers to wear masks too.

- 7 Give priority to high-risk customers (such as pensioners and pregnant women) by giving them preference in queues.

- 8 Ask customers not to touch products (as far as possible).

POLICY ISSUES FOR SAFE FOOD TRADE:

Proven authorities to:

- promptly allow food traders to trade.
- provide unlimited water points so that traders can wash their hands, workplaces and products frequently.
- ban single masks, sanitisers or bleach as a matter of urgency.
- exempt food traders from any vending fees
- be flexible about trading layouts so that street and market traders can practise physical distancing.
- provide incentives, in cooperation with other ministry services, in trade fairs and around sports spaces. This will assist people in keeping the 2-metre distance, and also deal with the risk of looting.

These guidelines were developed by WIEGO in consultation with experts in public health (Professors Rajesh Bhalla, Dr. Shabir Virani, Prof. Dr. Srinivasan, Prof. Dr. Katalin and Cape Town) and the informal economy.

They are informed by South African realities and may need to be adjusted based on your local conditions. April 2020.

FOR WASTE PICKERS

Coronavirus and Waste Pickers: Decreasing the Risks

FOR INFORMAL TRADERS

Resources: COVID-19 Health Guidelines for Informal Traders

FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Resources: Domestic Workers: Fighting COVID-19 Together

A poster titled "Domestic Workers & Employers Fighting COVID-19 Together". It features a woman in a mask and apron mopping the floor. The poster is filled with icons related to safety measures like handwashing, mask-wearing, and social distancing. Text on the poster includes: "The COVID-19 virus is highly infectious. You can become infected if you inhale droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. You can also become infected by touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your eyes, mouth or nose." and "General safety measures: Wash your hands with soap and water often. When arriving at work or home, wash or sanitize your hands, shoes and items you bring inside (e.g. food, bags). Stay 2 metres away from others to avoid being coughed on or sneezed on. Follow local public health and lockdown orders. If your symptoms get worse or are serious, get medical assistance. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Wear a mask when you go outside, such as when travelling to work. Do not share towels, food, or drinks. Food should be divided into personal portions before eating. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, headache, cough, shortness of breath, eye infections), stay home and avoid contact with others." A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE continued

Social protection responses

WIEGO produced a series of briefs to analyze the social protection responses to COVID-19. The briefs aimed to support movements in their advocacy efforts to expand social protection to informal workers.

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #1

Government grants and cash transfers to informal workers
ESPAÑOL: Subsidios gubernamentales y transferencias de efectivo a los trabajadores del sector informal
FRANÇAIS: Subventions publiques et transferts d'argent aux travailleurs du secteur informel

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #2

Alternative ways to reach informal workers
ESPAÑOL: Caminos alternativos para alcanzar a las personas trabajadoras en empleo informal
FRANÇAIS: Moyens alternatifs pour atteindre les travailleuse-eur·s de l'informel

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #3

Informal workers and dialogue for social protection.
ESPAÑOL: Las personas trabajadoras en empleo informal y el diálogo para la protección social
FRANÇAIS: Les travailleuse-eur·s de l'informel et le dialogue pour la protection sociale

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #4

Multi-dimensional approach to protect informal workers.
ESPAÑOL: Enfoque multidimensional para proteger a las personas trabajadoras del sector informal
FRANÇAIS: Une approche multidimensionnelle pour protéger les travailleuse-eur·s informels

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #5

The role of digital technology in COVID social protection responses.
ESPAÑOL: El rol de la tecnología digital en las respuestas de protección social a COVID
FRANÇAIS: Le rôle de la technologie digitale dans les réponses de protection sociale à la COVID

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #6

Addressing the care burden challenges amid the pandemic.
ESPAÑOL: Abordar los desafíos del trabajo de cuidados en medio de la pandemia
FRANÇAIS: Relever les défis de la charge des soins dans le contexte de la pandémie

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #7

Expanding and upgrading social protection measures for informal workers.
ESPAÑOL: Expandiendo y mejorando las medidas de protección social para las personas trabajadoras informales
FRANÇAIS: Étendre et améliorer les mesures de protection sociale pour les travailleuse-eur·s informels

Devenish, Annie and Cyrus Afshar. 2020.
ISSUE #8

Measures to tackle gender-based violence amid the global pandemic.
ESPAÑOL: Medidas para hacer frente a la violencia de género en medio de la pandemia mundial
FRANÇAIS: Mesures visant à lutter contre la violence basée sur le genre dans le contexte de la pandémie mondiale

Child Care



1. INTRODUCTION

The need for care services, including childcare, is growing in response to changes in the labour market, family structures and demographic shifts. In 2015, 0.8 billion children under six years old and 1.1 billion children aged 7–15 years required care (ILO, 2018a). By 2030, an additional 0.1 billion children aged 6–14 years will require care alone, and an additional 0.2 billion persons. This represents both a challenge and an opportunity for labour markets today and in the future. The current lack of affordable high-quality care services, combined with the prevalence of low-paid and informal care jobs, increases the burden and pressure on women and girls from low-income households and further reinforces inequalities, especially gender inequality (ibid.).

In no country in the world do men and women engage in an equal share of unpaid care work. Though this can be rewarding and fulfilling work, it can also come at a great cost to women's participation in the labour market and their access to income and social security throughout their lives. Women from low-income households are less likely to have access to education and training and may have no choice but to seek work in the informal economy where entry barriers are lower than in the formal economy. They are often forced to leave their children at home or care for them in their homes even while they work to earn an income. Combined, these factors contribute to women's concentration in the lowest-earning and most vulnerable forms of work within the informal economy.

The latest ILO estimates indicate that close to 1 billion women find work in the informal economy. Rather than declining, as some economists predicted, the size

and scope of the informal economy continues to grow, including in the Global North (ILO, 2018b). The ILO's Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation, 2015 (No. 204) foregrounds both the need to address gender inequalities in the labour market and create more decent work opportunities through the provision of quality childcare. It draws on the ILO principles outlined in the Workers with Family Responsibilities Convention, 1983 (No. 156) and its accompanying Recommendation No. 165.

Members should encourage the provision of and access to affordable quality childcare and other care services in order to promote gender equality in entrepreneurship and employment opportunities and to enable the transition to the formal economy. (Paragraph 21).

Policies aimed at reconciling work and family, such as childcare provision and parental leave, are proven to have a positive impact on women's labour force participation and are essential to creating decent work opportunities for women in the informal economy. In the United States, the unpaid care work done primarily by women, Access to public and affordable high-quality childcare services allows women and men to combine employment, training, education, job search and volunteering with the care of their children. Quality childcare is also critical for young children's education, health, nutrition and development. Children of workers in the informal economy tend to have lower education and health outcomes due to

A key focus of WIEGO's Social Protection programme is research and advocacy on CHILD CARE for those working informally. These publications examine the importance of child care for informal workers and form the foundation for WIEGO's global child care campaign. The campaign provides informal workers, especially women, with advocacy tools and training to help them improve access to quality child care.

Moussié, Rachel. 2020.

Women Informal Workers Mobilizing for Child Care.

ESPAÑOL: *Movilización de las mujeres en empleo informal por el cuidado infantil.*

FRANÇAIS: *Les femmes travailleuses de l'économie informelle se mobilisent pour la garde d'enfants.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Trabalhadoras Informais se Mobilizando pelo Cuidado das Crianças.*

Alfers, Laura. 2016.

"Our children do not get the attention they deserve".

FRANÇAIS: « Nos enfants ne reçoivent pas l'attention qu'ils méritent ».

PORTUGUÊS: "Nossos filhos não recebem a atenção que merecem".

Alfers, Laura. 2016.

A Summary of Research Findings on Women Informal Workers and Child Care from Six Membership-based Organizations.

ESPAÑOL: *Resumen de los resultados del estudio sobre las trabajadoras en empleo informal y el cuidado infantil en seis organizaciones con base de miembros de trabajadoras pobres.*

FRANÇAIS: *Résumé des résultats de recherche sur les travailleuses de l'économie informelle et la garde d'enfants, issus de six organisations de base de travailleurs pauvres.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Um resumo dos resultados da pesquisa sobre o cuidado das crianças e trabalhadoras informais de 6 organizações de base (OBs) de trabalhadoras/es pobres.*

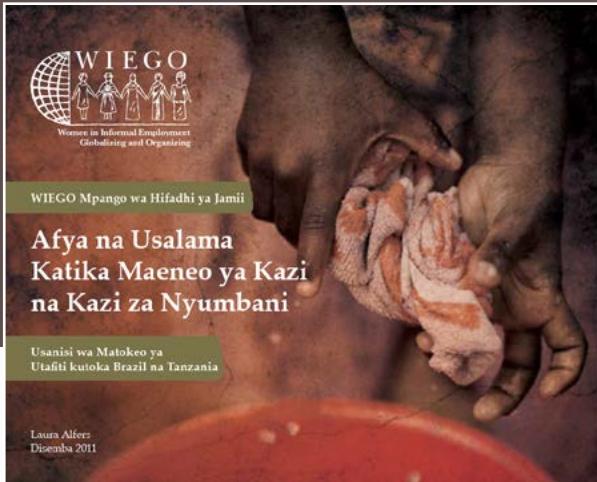
THAI: แผนงานการวิจัยเรื่องงานให้การดูแลเด็กของ WIEGO สรุปชี้อค้นพบจากการวิจัยเรื่องแรงงานหญิงนอกรอบบ้านกับการดูแลเด็กจากองค์กรฐานลุมพูนิวัติกาแห่ง

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WIEGO Child Care Campaign Materials are available in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Thai, Hindi and isiZulu.

Workers' Health



Projeto Cuidar Mapeamento de Riscos de Saúde de Catadores(as).
2018.

Participatory Hazard Mapping Tool for Informal Markets.
2015. WIEGO and Asiye eTafuleni.

Informal Workers and the Use of Mobile Technology and Communications: Findings from Key Informant Interviews.
2014. Francie Lund and Laura Alfers.

Health Access for Informal Workers in Rajiv Nagar, India:
Ushaben's Story.
2014.

WORKERS' HEALTH is another pillar of the Social Protection Program's work. While poorer informal workers face the same problems in accessing health services as all poor citizens, they also face specific exclusions and barriers – and health is vital to their ability to work and earn income. This set of publications reflects research and advocacy materials on this issue.

Health Access for Informal Workers in Durban, South Africa:
Xolisile's Story.
2014.

Health Access for Informal Workers in Bangkok, Thailand: Koon's Story.
2014.

Health Access for Informal Workers in Bangkok, Thailand:
Kanchana's Story.
2014.

Health Access for Informal Workers in Ahmedabad, India:
Subhadraben's Story.
2014.

The Occupational Health of Waste Pickers in Pune: KKP KP and SWaCH Members Push for Health Rights.
2014. By Ujwala Samarth for KKP KP.

A Study of Working Conditions in the Zanzibar Seaweed Farming Industry.

2012. By Flower E. Msuya.

Occupational Health and Safety & Domestic Work.

2011. By Laura Alfers.

ESPAÑOL: Salud y Seguridad Ocupacional y Trabajo del Hogar.

FRANÇAIS: Santé et sécurité au travail et travail ménager.

PORTUGUÊS: Saúde e Segurança Ocupacional e Trabalho Doméstico.

SWAHILI: Afya na Usalama Katika Maeneo ya Kazi na Kazi za Nyumbani.

Occupational Health & Safety for Indigenous Caterers in Accra, Ghana.

2011. By Laura Alfers and Ruth Abban.

ESPAÑOL: Salud y seguridad ocupacional para proveedores de servicios de catering indígena en Acrá, Ghana.

FRANÇAIS: Santé et sécurité au travail pour les traiteurs indigènes d'Accra (Ghana).

PORTUGUÊS: Saúde & Segurança Ocupacional para os Fornecedores Nativos em Acrá, Gana.

Occupational Health & Safety for Market and Street Traders in Accra and Takoradi, Ghana.

2009. By Laura Alfers.

ESPAÑOL: Salud y seguridad ocupacional para comerciantes feriantes y ambulantes en Acrá y Takoradi, Ghana.

FRANÇAIS: Santé et sécurité au travail pour les commerçants et les vendeurs de rue d'Accra et de Takoradi (Ghana).

PORTUGUÊS: Saúde & Segurança Ocupacional para Comerciantes e Vendedores Ambulantes em Acrá e Takoradi, Gana.

Public Space

Access to PUBLIC SPACE is critical to the livelihoods of many informal workers, especially street vendors. In 2018, WIEGO consolidated and extended work on this issue through a project supported by the Cities Alliance. The project examined how public space can be more inclusive of informal workers, and developed tools for local authorities and street vendors.

Inclusive Public Spaces for Informal Livelihoods: A Discussion Paper for Urban Planners and Policy Makers.
2018. By Martha Chen, with Jenna Harvey, Caroline Wanjiku Kihato and Caroline Skinner.

Supporting Informal Livelihoods in Public Space: A Toolkit for Local Authorities.
2018. By Caroline Skinner, Sarah Orleans Reed and Jenna Harvey.

Working in Public Space: A Manual for Street Vendors.
2018. By María Benítez, Jenny Grice and Jenna Harvey.
ESPAÑOL: Trabajar en el espacio público: Un manual para vendedoras y vendedores ambulantes.
FRANÇAIS: Trabajar en el espacio público: Un manual para vendedoras y vendedores ambulantes.

Focal Cities

In several cities across the Global South, WIEGO team members work alongside membership-based organizations (MBOs) building capacity and engaging in local policy and advocacy. Knowledge produced from this work feature in a range of WIEGO publications. The advocacy documents listed below were produced for ongoing advocacy in Delhi, Bangkok and Mexico City.



Building a Home, Building a Life: Incrementality and Investment in a Resettlement Colony.

2018. By Gautam Bhan, Tripta Chandola, Kinjal Sampat and Nidhi Sohane.

Trabajadores invisibles dentro del servicio de limpia de la Ciudad de México.

2018. Por Tania Espinosa, Dean Saffron y Olga Abizaíd, con la colaboración de Lucía Fernández.

Propuestas y demandas de las trabajadoras y los trabajadores en empleo informal para el nuevo gobierno de la Ciudad de México.
2018. WIEGO con organizaciones de trabajadores en empleo informal.

Informal Workers in Bangkok, Thailand: Scan of Four Occupational Sectors.

2017. By Sarah Orleans Reed, Ana Carolina Ogando, Poonsap Suanmuang Tulaphan, Chidchanok Samantrakul and Pannee Towakulpanich.

THAI: รายงานการศึกษาแรงงานนอกรอบบ้านกรุงเทพมหานคร : กรณีศึกษา 4 สาขาอาชีพ

Informal Workers in Bangkok: Considerations for Policymakers.
2017. By WIEGO and HomeNet Thailand.

THAI: แรงงานนอกรอบบ้านกรุงเทพมหานคร : ข้อควรพิจารณาสหรัฐสู่กำหนดนโยบาย

Women's Economic Employment



BUILDING CAPACITY FOR CHANGE

Developing Women's Leadership and Business Skills

WRITTEN BY: ELAINE JONES AND CAROL WILLS
EDITED BY: LESLIE VRYENHOEK

Homework, Gender and Inequality in Global Supply Chains.
2017. By Jenna Harvey.

Compendium of WIEGO-SEWA Case Studies for UN HLP.
2016. By WIEGO and SEWA.

Improving Pay and Working Conditions from the Perspective of the Informal Economy.
2016. By Sally Roever and Mike Rogan.

WIEGO has long been involved in women's economic empowerment projects and policy processes, most notably through two projects funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and the United Nations' Women's High-Level Panel (UN HLP). The UN HLP was a consultative process that culminated with the creation of an agenda for advancing women's economic empowerment globally. WIEGO and SEWA worked to raise the visibility of women informal workers in this process, including through the production of multiple resources on women's economic empowerment from the perspective of women in the informal economy.

Eliminating Legal Barriers from the Perspective of the Informal Economy.
2016. By Marlese Von Broembsen and Martha Chen.

Financial and Digital Inclusion from the Perspective of Women in the Informal Economy.
2016. By Renana Jhabvala and Jenna Harvey.

Child Care from the Perspective of Women in the Informal Economy.
2016. By Rachel Moussié.

Expanding the Economic Potential of the Women Informal Workers.
2016. By Martha Chen.

Enhancing the Productivity of Own Account Enterprises from the Perspective of Women in the Informal Economy.
2016. By Martha Chen and Sally Roever.

MORE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PUBLICATIONS:

Empowering Home-based Workers in India: Strategies and Solutions.

2016. WIEGO, HomeNet South Asia and Harvard University South Asia Institute.

Building Capacity for Change: Developing Women's Leadership and Business Skills.

2016. By Elaine Jones, Carol Willis and Leslie Vryenhoek.

Economic and Employment Rights: Advancing Domestic Workers' Leadership.

2011. By Janhavi Dave.

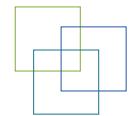
Strengthening the Movement of Home-Based Workers.
2016. By Kendra Hughes.

Trading Our Way Up: Women Organizing for Fair Trade.
2011. By Elaine Jones, Sally Smith and Carol Wills.

ESPAÑOL: Progresando por el comercio: Mujeres organizándose en el comercio justo.

Cooperation Among Workers

Technology & Informal Work



COOPERATION AMONG WORKERS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY:

A focus on home-based workers and waste pickers

A Joint ILO and WIEGO Initiative



In 2016, WIEGO and the International Labour Organization embarked on an action research project to deepen understanding on the nature and role of cooperatives in formalizing the informal economy. This included a global mapping and survey conducted with members of existing cooperatives, complemented with a literature review of existing studies.

Cooperation Among Workers in the Informal Economy: A Focus on Home-Based Workers and Waste Pickers.
2017. ILO and WIEGO.

Summary of Key Findings from Cooperation Among Workers in the Informal Economy: A Focus on Home-Based Workers and Waste Pickers.
2017. ILO and WIEGO.

ESPAÑOL: Resumen de los principales hallazgos – Cooperación entre trabajadores en la economía informal: Los trabajadores a domicilio y los recicladores.

FRANÇAIS: Résumé des conclusions principales – La coopération entre les travailleurs de l'économie informelle: Travailleurs à domicile et récupérateurs de matériaux.

PORTUGUÊS: Cooperação entre Trabalhadores na economia informal. Um foco nos trabalhadores e trabalhadoras domiciliares e catadoras e catadoras de material reciclável.

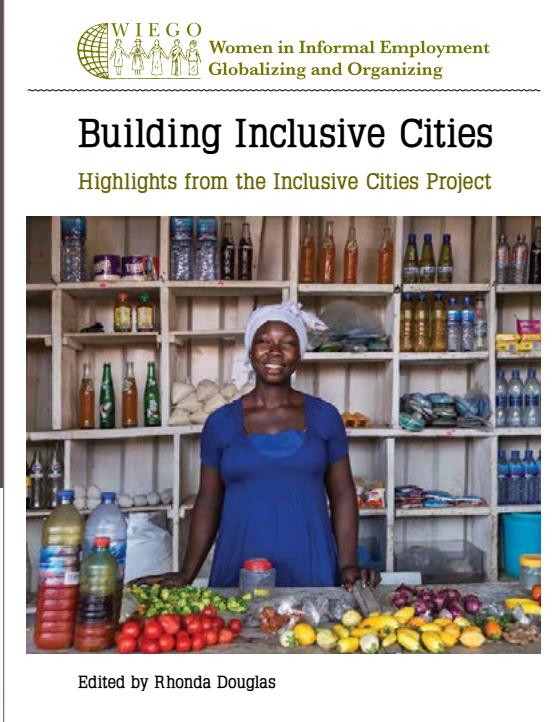
In 2015, WIEGO and Practical Action undertook a collaborative project to investigate which technologies impact the livelihoods of the working poor; how they are responding to these impacts; and what technologies they need to enable their work. This was supported by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Technology at the Base of the Pyramid: Insights from Ahmedabad (India), Durban (South Africa) and Lima (Peru).
2016. By Laura Alfers, Namrata Bali, Mike Bird, Themis Castellanos, Marty Chen, Richard Dobson, Kendra Hughes, Sally Roever and Mike Rogan.

Literature Review: Technology and the Future of Work.
2016. By Jonathan Casey and Jenna Harvey.

Final Report: Technology and the Future of Work.
2016. By Jonathan Casey and Kendra Hughes.

Inclusive Cities



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Building Inclusive Cities

Highlights from the Inclusive Cities Project

Edited by Rhonda Douglas

THE INCLUSIVE CITIES PROJECT, supported by the Gates Foundation, was a major multi-year WIEGO project that brought together membership-based organizations (MBOs) of the working poor, regional/global alliances of MBOs, and research and technical support organizations. The project strengthened MBOs in organizing, policy analysis and advocacy, and upscaled WIEGO's urban action research. Work completed within the Inclusive Cities Project informed much of WIEGO's publishing on urban issues over the 2008-2015 period. A few highlights of project-related outputs are listed here.

Building Inclusive Cities: Highlights from the Inclusive Cities Project.
2017. By Rhonda Douglas (ed).

ESPAÑOL: Construyendo Ciudades Inclusivas: Aspectos destacados del proyecto Ciudades Inclusivas.

Home-Based Workers Create City Dialogue in Bangkok.
2015. By Chonticha Tangworamongkon.
Case Summary: Dialogue in Bangkok. 2015.

Addressing the Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Needs of Informal Workers: Market Traders and Street Vendors in Accra, Ghana.
2015. By Tony Dzidzinyo Dogbe and Suki Annan.
Case Summary: Better OHS for Market Traders and Street Vendors in Accra, Ghana. 2015.

ARB: Fighting for an Inclusive Model for Recycling in Bogotá.
2015. By Olga Abizaid.

Case Summary: ARB: Fighting for an Inclusive Model for Recycling in Bogotá. 2015.

Vending in Public Spaces and the Law: A Case Study.
2015. By Phumzile Xulu.

Case Summary: Vending in Public Spaces and the Law: Summary. 2015.

Empowering Market Traders in Warwick Junction, Durban, South Africa.

2015. By Pauline Conley and the staff of Asiye eTafuleni.
Case Summary: Empowering Market Traders in Warwick Junction, Durban, South Africa. 2015.

Increasing Livelihoods for Home-Based Embroidery Workers in Delhi, India.

2015. By Ruchi Sankrit.
Case Summary: Embroidery Workers in Delhi, India. 2015.

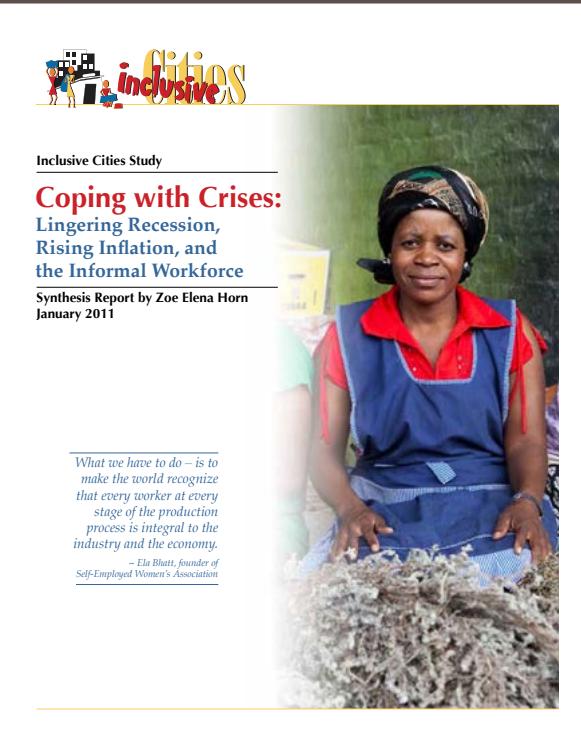
SEWA Bharat and Street Vendors in Delhi.

2015. By Ruchi Sankrit.
Case Summary: SEWA Bharat and Street Vendors in Delhi. 2015.

Interventions by the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in Ahmedabad, India.

2015. By Kabir Arora.
Case Summary: Interventions by the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in Ahmedabad, India. 2015.

Global Economic Crisis Study



In response to the 2008 Global Economic Crisis, WIEGO, working alongside Inclusive Cities partners, conducted a rapid assessment on the impact of the crisis on three categories of workers – home-based workers, street vendors and waste pickers – in 10 cities. Research was conducted in early 2008/9 and again in 2010 to assess the lag effect. At the time, there was a widespread claim that the informal economy acts as a “cushion” in times of economic crisis. Through these reports, WIEGO was able to provide credible evidence to counter this claim.

The Global Economic Crisis Study was a precursor to the Informal Economy Monitoring Study.

Horn, Zoe. 2011.

Coping with Crises: Lingering Recession, Rising Inflation, and the Informal Workforce.

ESPAÑOL: *Afrontando la crisis: Recessión persistente, inflación creciente y la fuerza laboral de la economía informal.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Enfrentando a Crise: Recessão Persistente, Inflação Crescente, e a Força de Trabalho Informal.*

Fact Sheet: *Global Economic Crisis and Informal Workers: The Impact of Immediate and Longer Term Economic Trends, Mid-2009 to Early 2010.*

ESPAÑOL: *Ficha técnica: La crisis económica global y los trabajadores de la economía informal: El impacto inmediato y a largo plazo de las tendencias económicas, mediados de 2009 a principios de 2010.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Ficha Técnica: Crise Econômica Global e Trabalhadores Informais: Impacts de Tendências Econômicas Imediatas e a Longo Prazo, metade de 2009 ao início de 2010.*

Horn, Zoe. 2009.

No Cushion to Fall Back On: The Global Economic Crisis and Informal Workers.

ESPAÑOL: *Sin colchón que amortigüe la caída: La crisis económica global y los trabajadores de la economía informal.*

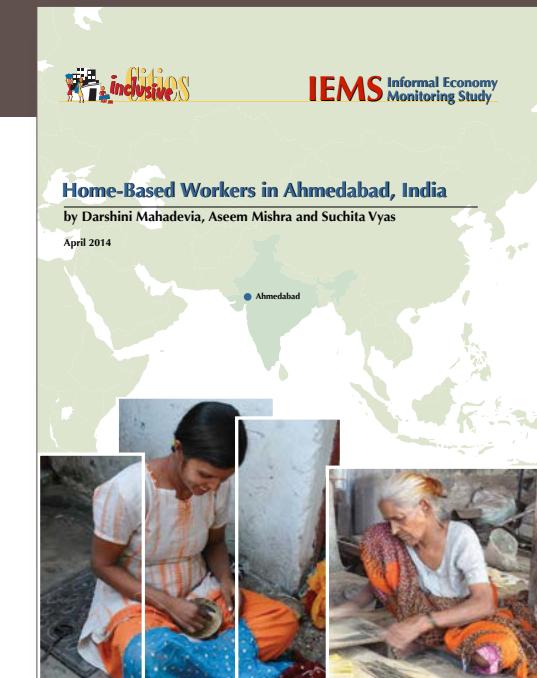
PORTUGUÊS: *Sumário Executivo: Sem almofadas para amenizar o tombo: A Crise Econômica Global e os Trabalhadores Informais.*

Fact Sheet: *No Cushion to Fall Back On: The Global Economic Crisis and Informal Workers*

ESPAÑOL: *Ficha técnica: Sin colchón que amortigüe la caída: La crisis económica global y los trabajadores de la economía informal.*

Informal Economy Monitoring Study

The INFORMAL ECONOMY MONITORING STUDY (IEMS) produced grounded evidence of a range of driving forces, positive and negative, that affect conditions of work in the informal economy. Fieldwork was conducted in 10 cities: Accra, Ghana; Ahmedabad, India; Bangkok, Thailand; Belo Horizonte, Brazil; Bogotá, Colombia; Durban, South Africa; Lahore, Pakistan; Lima, Peru; Nakuru, Kenya; and Pune, India. The study combined qualitative and quantitative research methods to provide an in-depth understanding of how three groups of urban informal workers – home-based workers, street vendors, and waste pickers – were affected by, and respond to, economic trends, urban policies and practices, value chain dynamics, and other economic and social forces.



HOME-BASED WORKERS

Informal Economy Monitoring Study Sector Report: Home-Based Workers.

2014. By Martha Alter Chen.

Executive Summary: *Informal Economy Monitoring Study. Sector Report: Home-Based Workers.*

ESPAÑOL: *La fuerza laboral informal urbana: trabajadoras y trabajadores a domicilio.*

Policy Recommendations: *The Urban Informal Workforce: Home-Based Workers.*

Informal Economy Monitoring Study: Home-Based Workers in Ahmedabad, India.

2014. By Darshini Mahadevia, Aseem Mishra and Suchita Vyas.

Executive Summary: *Home-Based Workers in Ahmedabad, India*

ESPAÑOL: *Trabajadoras a domicilio en Ahmedabad, India.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Trabalhadoras Domiciliares em Ahmedabad, na Índia.*

Policy Recommendations: *Ahmedabad's Home-Based Workers Realities & Recommendations.*

Informal Economy Monitoring Study: Home-Based Workers in Lahore, Pakistan.

2014. By Bilal Naqeeb, Rubina Saigol and Ume-Laila Azhar.

Executive Summary: *Home-based Workers in Lahore, Pakistan.*

ESPAÑOL: *Trabajadoras a domicilio en Lahore, Pakistán.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Trabalhadores Domiciliares em Lahore, Paquistão.*

Informal Economy Monitoring Study: Home-Based Workers in Bangkok, Thailand.

2013. By Zoe Horn, Boonsom Namsonboon and Poonsap Suanmuang Tulaphan.

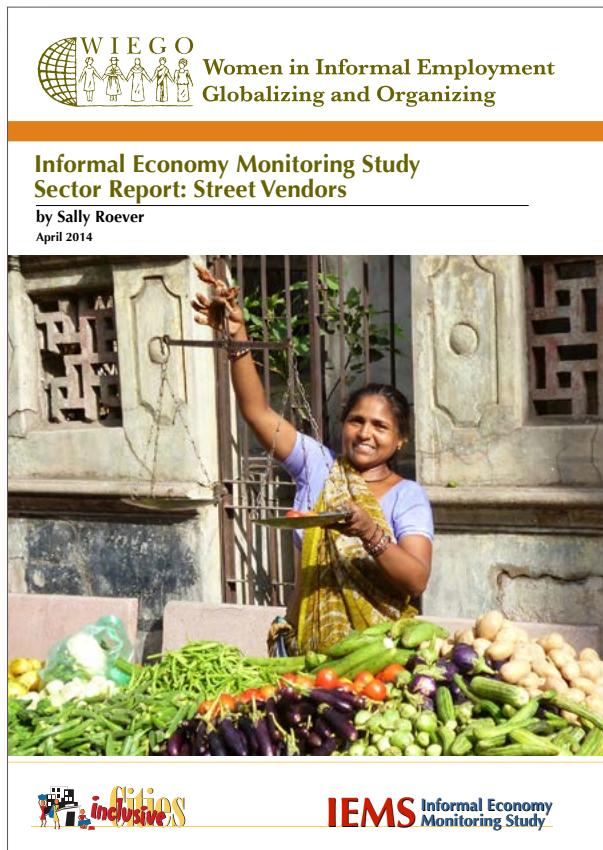
Executive Summary: *Home-based Workers in Bangkok, Thailand.*

ESPAÑOL: *Trabajadoras y trabajadores a domicilio en Bangkok, Tailandia.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Trabalhadoras e Trabalhadores Domiciliares em Bangcoc, na Tailândia.*

Policy Recommendations: *Bangkok's Home-Based Workers: Realities & Recommendations.*

INFORMAL ECONOMY MONITORING STUDY continued



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**Informal Economy Monitoring Study
Sector Report: Street Vendors**
by Sally Roever
April 2014

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Monitoring Study

STREET VENDORS

Informal Economy Monitoring Study Sector Report: Street Vendors.
2014. By Sally Roever.

Executive Summary: *Informal Economy Monitoring Study Sector Report: Street Vendors.*

ESPAÑOL: *Estudio de Monitoreo de la Economía Informal*
Informe sectorial: Vendedoras y vendedores ambulantes.

Policy Recommendations: *The Urban Informal Workforce:
Street Vendors.*

ESPAÑOL: *La fuerza laboral informal urbana: vendedores y
vendedoras ambulantes.*

*Informal Economy Monitoring Study: Street Vendors in
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Policy Recommendations: *Nakuru's Street Vendors: Realities &
Recommendations*

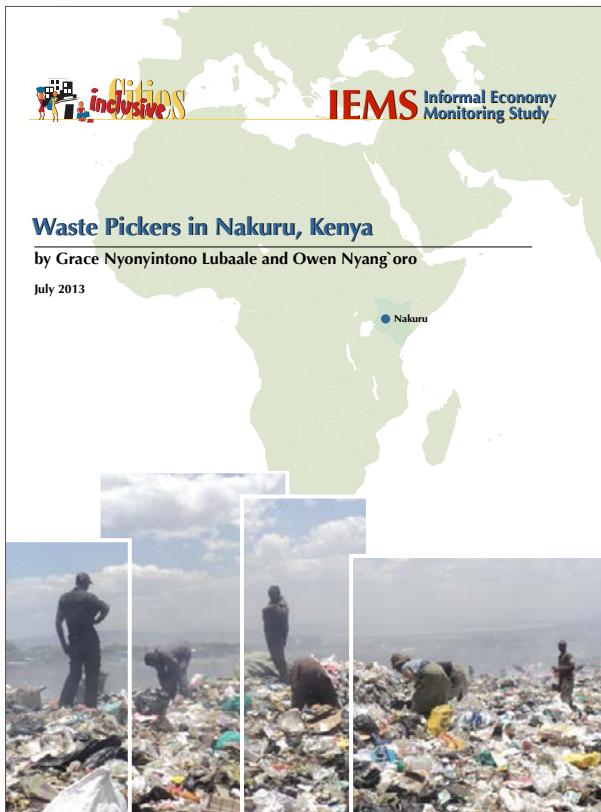
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PORTUGUÊS: *Catadores e Catadoras em Pune, na Índia.*

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The image shows the front cover of a report titled "COVID-19 Crisis and the Informal Economy: Informal Workers in Bangkok, Thailand". The cover features the WIEGO logo at the top left, followed by the subtitle "February 2021" and the WIEGO and HomeNet Thailand logos. Below the title is a large photograph of a woman wearing a red apron and a black face mask, standing behind a food stall with a tray of food. A caption below the photo reads: "Mr. Prescha Thutborgkob is a food vendor in Bangkok, Soi 69, in a suburban district of Bangkok. He was removed from his previous vending spot in 2016, as part of the government campaign to evict street vendors. Although as an essential worker he was permitted to sell during COVID-19 restrictions, his sales ultimately dropped to 50% of pre-COVID rates, only a small fraction of what he could sell in his previous location before eviction. Photo credit: Pattrapon Viat". The report also includes sections for "Key Findings" and a list of findings.

CITY FACT SHEETS

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Ahmedabad (India).

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Dakar (Senegal).

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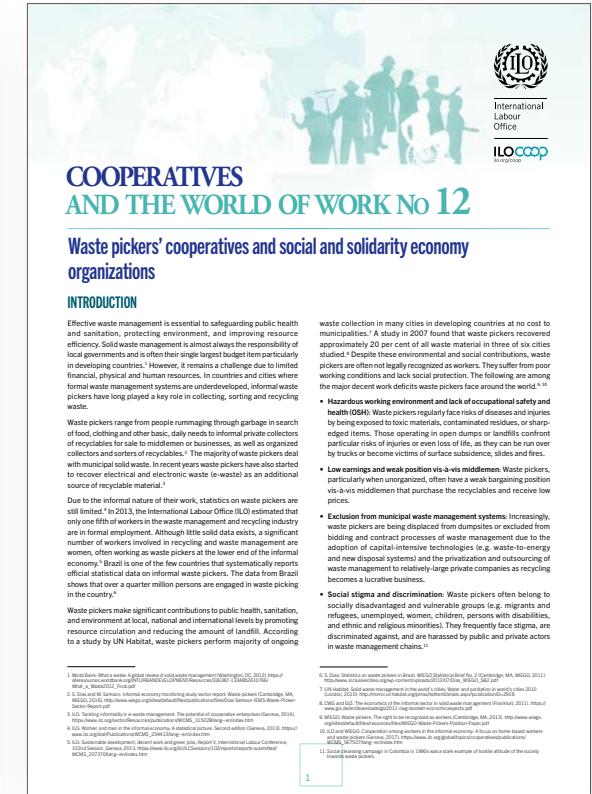
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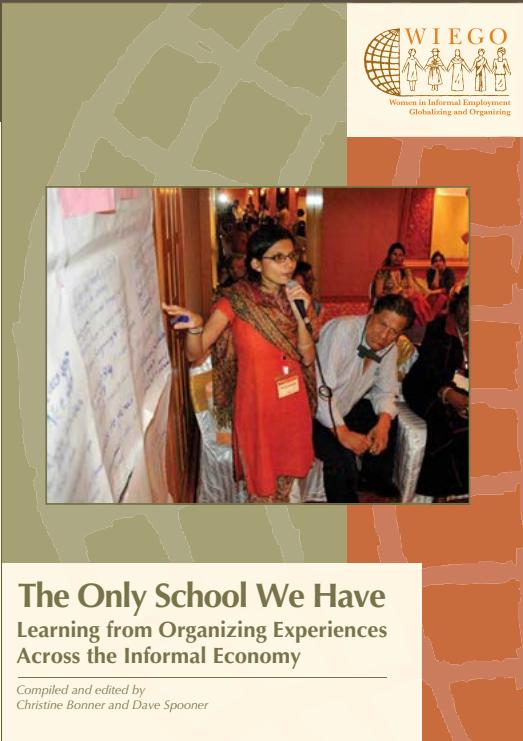
TOOLS FOR MEMBERSHIP- BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Market porters sort corn according to quality and size at the Wholesale Market of Santa Anita in Lima. The workers wearing blue T-shirts are members of the union of market porters specializing in corn, SEGCHGML (Sindicato de Estibadores Giro de Choclo-GMML), which forms part of the Federation of Market Porters and Manual Carriers, FETTRAMAP (Federación Nacional de Estibadores Terrestres y Transportistas Manuales).

Photo by Juan Arredondo/Reportage by Getty Images



Strengthening Organizations



These resources offer workers and their organizations information on organizing, workers' rights, successful strategies and practical ideas.

The Only School We Have: Learning from Organizing Experiences Across the Informal Economy.

2012. By Christine Bonner and Dave Spooner.

ESPAÑOL: La única escuela que conocemos: Aprendiendo de las experiencias, organizati as en la economía informal.

Organising in the Informal Economy: Resource Books for Organisers.

2009. By Christine Bonner.

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5. *Handling Disputes between Informal Workers and Those in Power.*
6. *Collective Action or Informal Workers.*

Organizando en la Economía Informal: Libros de Referencia para Organizadores.

2009. Christine Bonner

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2. *Construyendo y Manteniendo una Organización Democrática de Trabajadores de la Economía Informal.*
3. *Manejo de los Problemas Cotidianos de los Trabajadores de la Economía Informal.*
4. *Negociaciones Colectivas para los Trabajadores de la Economía Informal.*

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6. *Acción Colectiva para Trabajadores de la Economía Informal.*

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2009. Christine Bonner.

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5. *Gestion des conflits entre les travailleurs de l'économie informelle et les autorités.*
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Organização na Economia Informal: Subsídios Bibliográficos para Articuladores.

2009. Christine Bonner

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2. *Criação e Manutenção de Uma Organização Democrática de Trabalhadores Informais.*
3. *Resolução dos Problemas Cotidianos dos Trabalhadores Informais.*
4. *Negociações Coletivas para os Trabalhadores Informais.*
5. *Resolução das Disputas entre os Trabalhadores Informais e os Detentores do Poder.*
6. *Ação Coletiva para os Trabalhadores Informais.*

Enhancing Sustainability

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONS continued

Создание объединений в неформальном секторе: Пособие для организаторов.

1. Привлечение неформальных работников в демократические организации трудящихся.
2. Создание и обеспечение работы демократической организации работников неформального сектора.
3. Решение повседневных проблем неформальных работников.
4. Коллективные переговоры в интересах неформальных работников.
5. Разрешение споров между неформальными работниками и руководством.
6. Коллективные действия в интересах неформальных работников.

We Are Workers Too! Organizing Home-Based Workers in the Global Economy.
2010. By Celia Mather.

Sustainability for MBOs: Resource Books for Organizations.
2014. Pauline Conley.

- BOOKLET 1: Writing a Project Plan Part ONE: Developing Outcomes and Objectives.*
BOOKLET 2: Writing a Project Plan Part TWO: Measuring and Sharing the Impact of Your Project Results.
BOOKLET 3: Writing a Project Plan Part THREE: Operational Planning and Activity-based Budgets.
BOOKLET 4: Introduction to Proposal Writing
BOOKLET 5: Transparent Financial Management for MBOs.

Sostenibilidad para OBM: Cuadernos de consulta para organizaciones.

- Pauline Conley.
- CUADERNO 1: Redacción de un plan de proyecto, primera parte: Desarrollo de resultados y objetivos.*
CUADERNO 2: Redacción de un plan de proyecto, segunda parte: Medir y compartir el impacto de los resultados de su proyecto.
CUADERNO 3: Redacción de un plan de proyecto, tercera parte: Planificación operativa y presupuestos basados en actividades.
CUADERNO 4: Introducción a la redacción de propuestas.
CUADERNO 5: Gestión de finanzas transparentes para OBM.

Durabilité pour les OBM: des livres de référence pour les organisations.

- Pauline Conley.
- LIVRET 1: Rédiger un Plan de projet, partie UN: Développer des Objectifs et des Résultats.*
LIVRET 2: Rédiger un Plan de projet, partie DEUX: Mesurer et partager l'impact de vos effets de projets.
LIVRET 3: Rédiger un Plan de projet, partie TROIS: La Planification opérationnelle et les budgets établis par activités.
LIVRET 4: Introduction à la rédaction de propositions pour des projets.
LIVRET 5: Gestion financière transparente pour les OB.

Writing a Project Plan Part ONE:

Developing Outcomes and Objectives



Booklet 1

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**Sustainability for MBOs:
Resource Books for Organizations**

Conducting Policy Dialogues

Conducting a Policy Dialogue to Achieve Results.

2013. By WIEGO.

ESPAÑOL: *Entablando diálogos de política para lograr resultados.*

FRANÇAIS: *Conduire un dialogue politique porteur de résultats.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Realização de um Diálogo sobre Políticas para Atingir Resultados.*

The image shows the front cover of a booklet titled "Conducting a Policy Dialogue to Achieve Results". At the top is the WIEGO logo, which consists of a globe with the acronym "WIEGO" and the full name "Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing" below it. Below the logo is the title "Conducting a Policy Dialogue to Achieve Results". Underneath the title is a section titled "Introduction to Policy Dialogues¹" followed by "What is a Policy Dialogue?". The text explains that a policy dialogue involves people from different interest groups sitting together to focus on an issue in which they have a mutual, but not necessarily common, interest. It assumes that people in different positions and circumstances will have different perspectives on the same problem and that they may have access to different information and ideas about the issue. For example:

- A person providing a service may have more information about the services than are delivered than an informal worker seeking the service.
- A woman worker with children may have different health needs, and more difficulty accessing health services, than an administrator realizes.
- A street vendor and a city official may not agree on how public space should be used.
- A home-based worker may have different ideas about improving municipal services than those designing the services.
- A waste recycler may see the right to accessing public waste differently than a waste site official does.

A policy dialogue helps people to see problems from each other's perspectives. This can lead to a better understanding and bring about meaningful improvements to policies or a programme. When done well, policy dialogues can be powerful advocacy platforms for informal workers—and valuable sources of information and solutions for officials, too.

Power Differences

Within groups and between groups, there are always power differences. City officials, for example, can generally be said to have more power than informal workers. Policy dialogues fully acknowledge these power differences, but seek to identify areas where it is in the best interest of all to make improvements and reforms.

Informal workers bring a valuable resource to the policy table: the insight into their work, their lives, and the realities of the city that they experience.

¹This material is adapted from a presentation given by Francie Lund, Director of WIEGO's Social Protection Programme, at an Inclusive Cities Annual Learning Meeting in Chiang Rai, Thailand, held from 7-12 February 2013.

Securing Social Protection

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Tools for Advocacy: Social Protection or Informal Workers.

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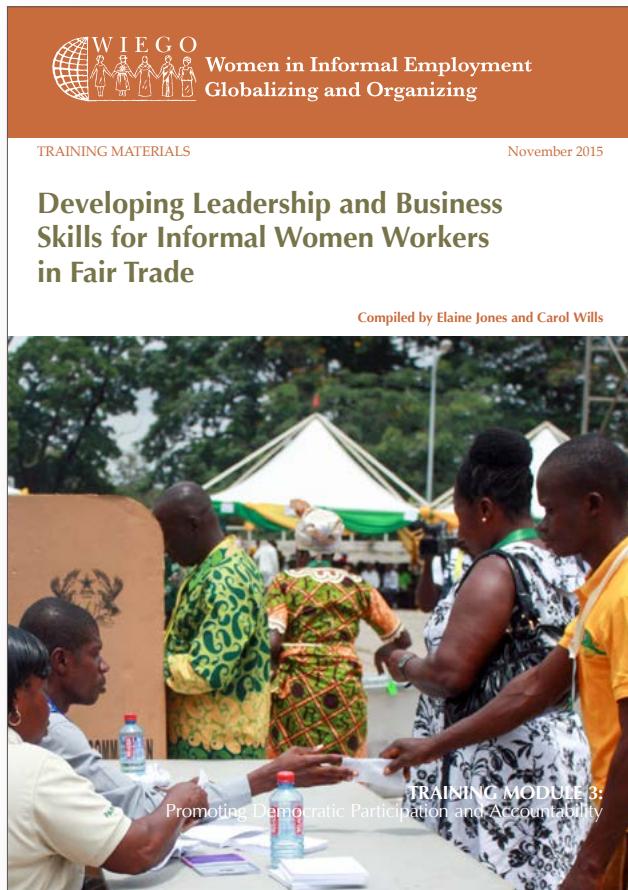
Tools for advocacy:
Social protection for informal workers



Francie Lund and Jillian Nicholson



Navigating Fair Trade



The image shows the front cover of a booklet. At the top left is the WIEGO logo, which consists of a globe icon with stylized human figures. To the right of the logo, the acronym 'WIEGO' is written in white capital letters. Below the logo, the full name 'Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing' is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font. The title of the booklet, 'Developing Leadership and Business Skills for Informal Women Workers in Fair Trade', is centered in large, bold, dark green capital letters. Below the title, it says 'Compiled by Elaine Jones and Carol Wills'. At the bottom of the cover, there is a photograph of several people, mostly women, gathered around a table during a training session. Some are seated at the table, while others stand behind them. They appear to be engaged in a discussion or activity. The setting looks like an outdoor or semi-outdoor event with trees in the background.

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TRAINING MATERIALS November 2015

Developing Leadership and Business Skills for Informal Women Workers in Fair Trade

Compiled by Elaine Jones and Carol Wills

TRAINING MODULE 3:
Promoting Democratic Participation and Accountability

Training Manuals: Developing Leadership and Business Skills for Informal Women Workers in Fair Trade.
2016. By Carol Wills and Elaine Jones.
INTRODUCTION & TRAINING MODULE 1:
Understanding Gender and Employment Relations.
TRAINING MODULE 2:
Understanding Women's Economic and Social Contribution to Effective Poverty Reduction.
TRAINING MODULE 3:
Promoting Democratic Participation and Accountability.
TRAINING MODULE 4:
Enhancing Financial and Business Management Skills.
TRAINING MODULE 5:
Understanding the Market.
TRAINING MODULE 6:
Quality Management Systems.
TRAINING MODULE 7:
Improving Innovation and Production Techniques.

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Case Study. 2012. By Vera Alice Cordosa Silva.

Collective Bargaining and Domestic Workers in Uruguay.
Case Study. 2013. By Mary Goldsmith.

ESPAÑOL: Negociación colectiva y las trabajadoras domésticas en Uruguay.

Collective Bargaining among Transport Workers in Georgia.
Case Study. 2012. Elza Jerenaia.

Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between Street Vendors and City Government in Monrovia, Liberia.
2012. By Milton A. Weeks.

WORKER GROUP ADVOCACY MATERIALS

BANGKOK, THAILAND: *Dignity Returns* is a unique workers'-owned garment factory on the outskirts of Bangkok. The 15 members form the Solidarity Group, a collective of former factory garment workers who decided to found a workplace based on fair wages and working hours. Their main income comes from sub-contracted work for a Thai polo-shirt company whose owner is willing to pay their higher rates. Through HomeNet Thailand, they have joined other home-based garment workers across the country to establish a garment cooperative.

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HOME-BASED WORKERS

Myths & Facts About Home-Based Workers.
2015. By Shalini Sinha.

Home-Based Workers in Latin America: A Summary.
2013. By Laura Morillo Santa Cruz.

ESPAÑOL: *Trabajadores a Domicilio en América Latina*
PORTUGUÊS: *Trabalhadores Domiciliares na América Latina*

Promoting the ILO Home Work Convention (C177) and the Rights of Homeworkers: A Manual for Workers' Educators and Facilitators.

2012. By Dave Spooner and Celia Mather (Global Labour Institut) for HomeNet South Asia.

ESPAÑOL: *Promoviendo el Convenio sobre el trabajo a domicilio (C177) de la OIT y los derechos de los trabajadores tercerizados.*

DOMESTIC WORKERS

Toolkit on ILO Convention 189 – The Domestic Workers' Convention. 2018.

By Pamhidzai Bamu

FRANÇAIS: Votre trousse d'outils su la C189 de l'OIT – la Convention sur les travailleuses et travailleurs domestiques

PORTUGUÊS: *Seu kit de ferramentas para a C189 da OIT a Convenção das trabalhadoras e dos trabalhadores domésticos.*

SWAHILI: *Mwongozo wako wa Mkataba Namba 189 wa Wafanyakazi wa Majumbani.*

"Yes, We Did It!" How the World's Domestic Workers Won Their International Rights and Recognition.

2013. By Celia Mather.

ESPAÑOL: *"¡Sí, lo hicimos!" Cómo las trabajadoras del hogar obtuvieron derechos y reconocimiento a nivel internacional.*

FRANÇAIS: «Ensemble, nous avons réussi!» Comment les travailleuses domestiques dans le monde, ont acquis leur statut et leurs droits internationau .

STREET VENDORS²

Street Vendors and Public Space: Essential insights on key trends and solutions.
2020. By WIEGO.

Using South Africa's Administratvie Law to Protect the Rights of Informal Workers.
2018. By Pamhidzai Bamu.

Working in Warwick: Including Street Traders into Urban Plans.
2009. By Richard Dobson and Caroline Skinner with Jillian Nicholson.

Street Trading.
2000. By Francie Lund, Jillian Nicholson and Caroline Skinner.



WASTE PICKERS

WIEGO's Reducing Waste in Coastal Cities Project. How Waste Pickers Prevent Marine Waste Pollution.
2020. By WIEGO.

WIEGO's Position on Dump Closures.
2018. By Sonia Dias.

ESPAÑOL: *Postura de WIEGO sobre el Cierre de Vertederos.*

FRANÇAIS: *Position de WIEGO sur la fermeture des décharges.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Posicionamento da WIEGO sobre fechamento de lixões*

Women Waste Pickers Toolkit.
2015. By Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), National Movement of Waste Pickers in Brazil (MNCR), Center for Study and Research on Women (NEPEM) of the Federal University of Minas Gerais and Instituto Nenuca De Desenvolvimento Sustentável.

ESPAÑOL: *Mujeres Recicladoras.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Mulheres Catadoras.*

Carbon Finance for Waste Picker Organizations: Feasibility and Issues.
2013. By Inclusive Cities.

ESPAÑOL: *Financiamiento del carbono para organizaciones de recicladores: viabilidad y cuestiones a considerar.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Financiamento de Carbono para Organizações de Catadores: Viabilidade e Outras Questões.*

Waste Pickers: The Right to Be Recognized as Workers.
2013. By WIEGO.

ESPAÑOL: *Recicladores: El derecho a ser reconocidos como trabajadores.*

FRANÇAIS: *Les récupérateurs: le droit d'être reconnus comme travailleurs.*

Refusing to be Cast Aside: Waste Pickers Organising Around the World.

2008. By Melanie Samson.

ESPAÑOL: *Rechazando a Ser Excluidos: La Organización de los Recicladores en el Mundo.*

PORTUGUÊS: *Excerto Recusando-se a Serem Deixados de Lado: Catadores se Organizando em Todo o Mundo.*

²See, in addition, content on public space on page 23.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS

These publications were prepared for, or in advance of, the International Labour Organization's annual International Labour Conference.

The image shows the cover of a briefing note. At the top left is the WIEGO logo (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing). At the top right is the text 'WIEGO Briefing Note' and 'November 2020'. The title 'Violence and Informal Work' is centered below the logo. Below the title is a photograph of a woman in a blue shirt standing outdoors, holding up a blue cloth. A caption at the bottom of the cover reads: 'All informal workers are likely to experience violence due to their status in employment and lack of protection. Women informal workers are more vulnerable to gender-based violence due to the intersection of their gender and insecure working conditions. Photo: Jonathan Torgovnik/Getty Images Reportage'. Below the cover, there is a section titled 'Introduction' which discusses the ILO Convention 190 on Violence and Harassment.

VIOLENCE AND INFORMAL WORK

Violence and Informal Work – Briefing Note. 2020.

ESPAÑOL: *Violencia y empleo informal Nota informativa.*

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DECENT WORK FOR HOMEWORKERS IN GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Decent Work for Homeworkers in Global Supply Chains Platform of Demands. 2015.

ESPAÑOL: *Trabajo decente para las trabajadoras y trabajadores a domicilio subcontratados en las cadenas mundiales de suministro. Plataforma de demandas.*

FRANÇAIS: *Travail décent pour les travailleuses et travailleurs à domicile sous-traités1 dans les chaînes d'approvisionnement mondiales Plate-forme de revendications.*

FORMALIZING THE INFORMAL ECONOMY

Myths & Facts about the Informal Economy and Workers in the Informal Economy. 2015.

ESPAÑOL: *Mitos y realidades sobre la economía informal y las trabajadoras y los trabajadores que laboran en ella.*

FRANÇAIS: *Mythes et réalités sur l'économie informelle et ses travailleurs.*

WIEGO Network Platform: Transitioning from the informal to the formal economy in the interests of the workers in the informal economy.

ESPAÑOL: *La plataforma de la red WIEGO: Haciendo la transición de la economía informal a la formal en beneficio de las trabajadoras y los trabajadores de la economía informal.*

FRANÇAIS: *Plateforme du réseau wiego de l'économie informelle vers l'économie formelle :une transition dans l'intérêt des travailleurs de l'économie informelle.*

RUSSIAN: *Платформа сеси WIEGO: переход от неформальной к формальной экономике в интересах работников неформальной экономики.*

TEACHING RESOURCES

GENDER AND WASTE RECYCLING

From Theory to Action: Gender and Waste Recycling: A Toolkit for Teachers, Researchers and Practitioners. 2015. By Sonia Dias and Ana Carolina Ogando.

BOOK 1: Theoretical Considerations on Gender, Empowerment and Waste.

BOOK 2: Project Design, Tools and Recommendations.

BOOK 3: Resources.

*Género y reciclaje: De la teoría a la acción
Un manual para profesores, investigadores y profesionales.*

Sonia Dias and Ana Carolina Ogando.

CUADERNO 1: Consideraciones teóricas sobre género, empoderamiento y reciclaje.

CUADERNO 2: Diseño, herramientas y recomendaciones del proyecto.

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Sonia Dias and Ana Carolina Ogando.

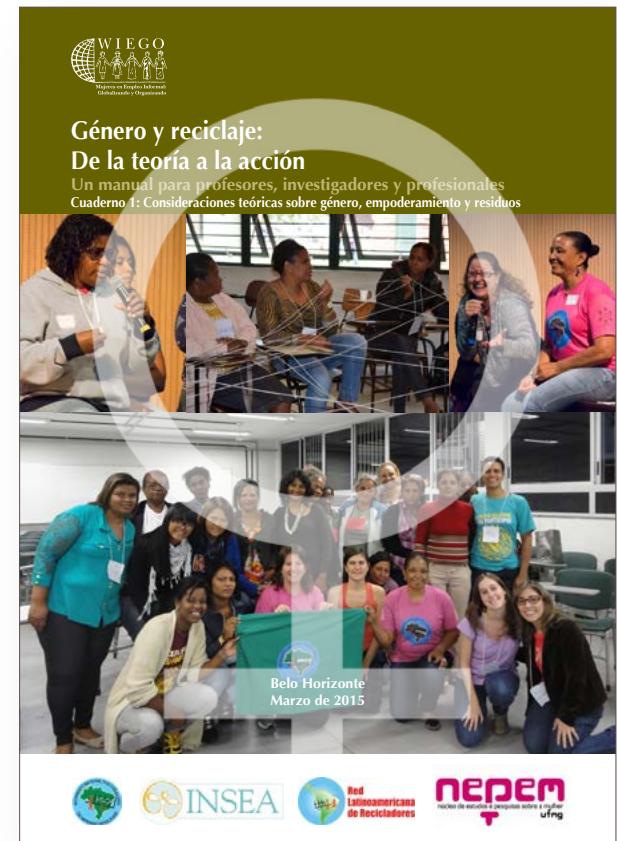
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