



Towards a gender-transformative SSE: a thinking lab

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Women's Economic Empowerment is about working poor women having **access** to and **control** over the resources they need to improve their lives and livelihoods.

It is also about women having the **agency** to influence the policy, regulatory and institutional environment that shapes their lives and livelihoods





Excluded due to their:
gender
race or caste
social class
employment status.



Women are continually organising

- to challenge oppression and exploitation
- against structural crisis that needs radical alternatives
- for economic, political and social justice.

Any transformative change that is gender-sensitive must address...

The root cause - a patriarchal and predatory capitalist economic system that needs women at the bottom to be exploited for the profit and privilege of those at the top.

How will the social solidarity economy replace the status quo?

How will oppressive power structures be dismantled and transformed?

What will change about paid productive labour and unpaid or undervalued reproductive labour

The need for an enabling environment for policy and practices through which women can reclaim their agency.

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