Education for Women’s Economic Empowerment

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“IF YOU EDUCATE A MAN
YOU EDUCATE AN INDIVIDUAL,
BUT IF YOU EDUCATE A WOMAN,
YOU EDUCATE A NATION.”

— AFRICAN PROVERB
Today’s girls are tomorrow’s wives, mothers, caregivers, entrepreneurs, and leaders.
Australia’s approach

- A foreign affairs priority
- Gender equality in economic policies
- Gender in development programs
Australia Awards

• Aim for equality, including tackling barriers to participation
• Gender issues through course content
• Women in Leadership Network
CSIRO/BecA-ILRI Research Partnership

African Food Security Initiative – crop improvement, animal health, food safety, human nutrition
Africa Biosciences Challenge Fund – training for over 200 scientists
33% fellowships to women
Targeted awards for female scientists through AWARD – a professional development program.

Gerardine Mukeshimana, Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda (and former BecA-ILRI Hub plant researcher)
AACES Women in construction: Building Zambia brick by brick - Oxfam
EDUCATION = CHANGE

The answer is right in front of us.