Title: Microfinance and Gender Development Policy: Implications for Millennium Development Goals.

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Abstract: The increasing feminization of poverty in Africa as well as the appalling increase prevalence and incidence of degradation and marginalization of women has become disturbing concern to the world at large. The challenges to women’s full participation in the economic development of different economics is an indication that the potential contribution of the population of these countries is either unutilized or underutilized, signifying an economic loss to the economies. Upon this thrust, this study is aimed to examine the effects of microfinance and gender development policy on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Both qualitative and quantitative research methods were employed to source the data required for this study. The model of regression analysis was adapted to analyze the data collected from the respondents. The results of the analysis revealed that positive relationships exist between microfinance, gender development policy and achievement of MDGs. Based on this finding, recommendations were made for policy implications.

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