

Intermediate Outcome

Western SMEs are engaged in international business, competitive, and strong.

Immediate Outcomes

Access to business development services, capital, and leveraged capital

Adoption of sound management and business practices, and current technology

Access to skilled labour

Outputs

Business information, counselling, referrals, and training

Business Financing, including: loans, loan guarantees, and equity investment to businesses

SME awareness of sector-appropriate best practices

SME awareness of sector-appropriate advanced technologies

Pool of skilled labour

Recognition of existing skilled labour

Funded Activities

Operating support of Network partners including: WB, CB Network, EDP, ABSN, as well as of other similar business service providers e.g. community-based incubators

Operating support of: WEI, EDP, as well as similar micro-business lenders

Capitalization of WB investment funds

Promotion of industry-specific management/business practices e.g. lean manufacturing

Promotion of industry-specific advanced technologies e.g. Print Media Communications

Training supports addressing skills shortages

Skills certification