



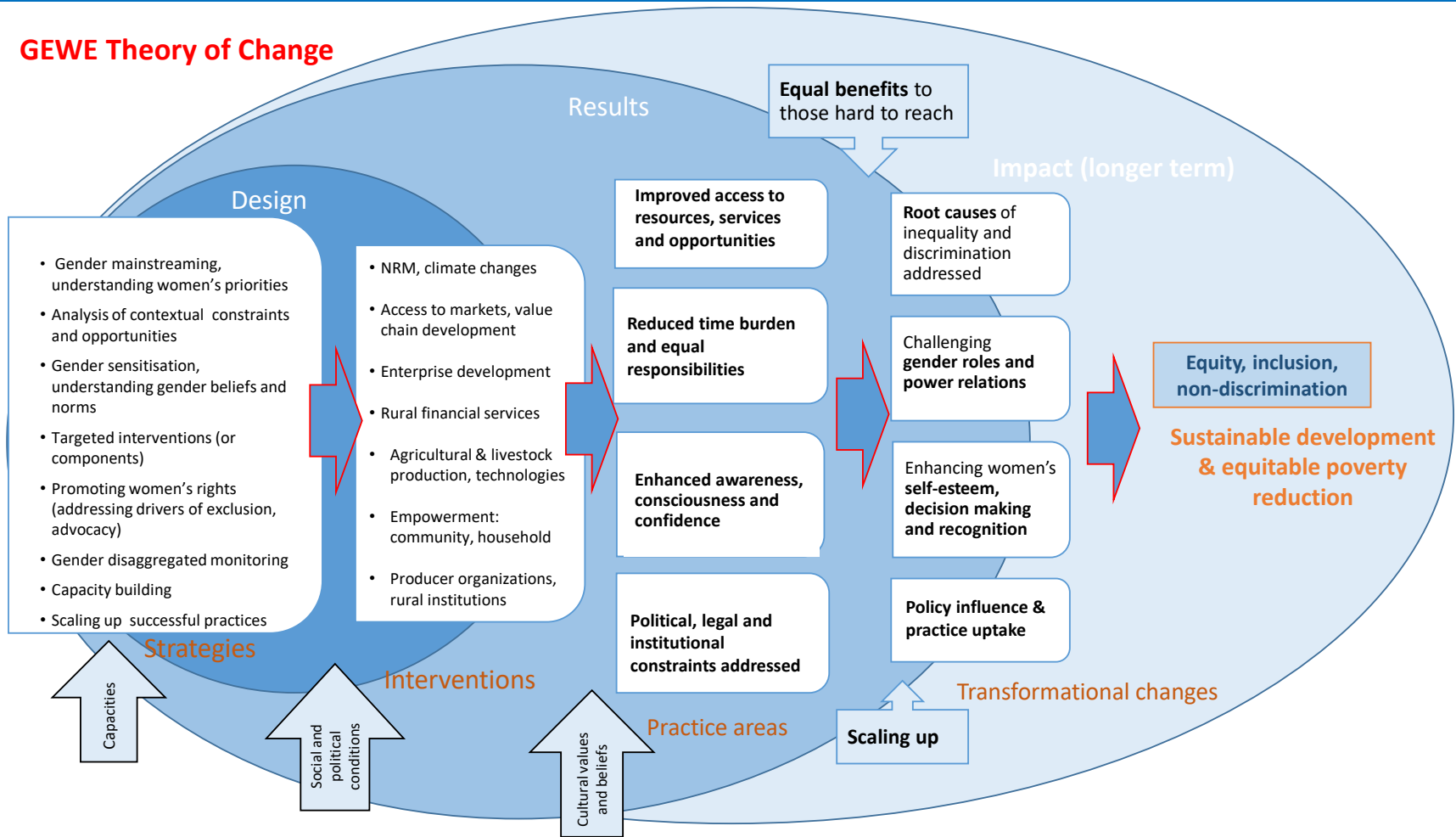
## Gender transformative framework in the context of rural development in IFAD evaluations

### Raising the bar for IFAD

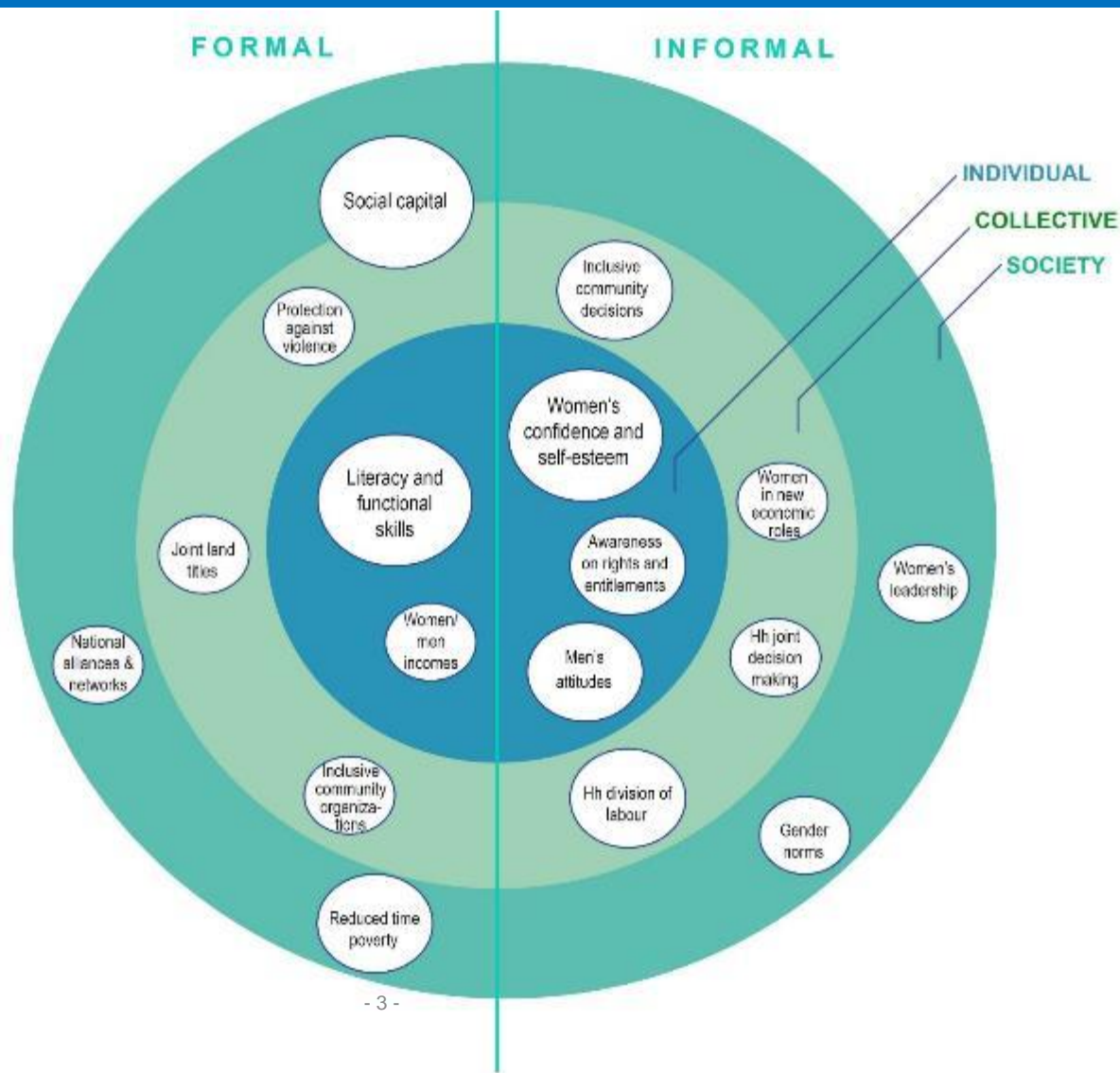
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# IFAD Theory of Change on GEWE

## GEWE Theory of Change



# GEWE impact spheres



# Tejaswini Rural Women's Empowerment programme – transformational change?

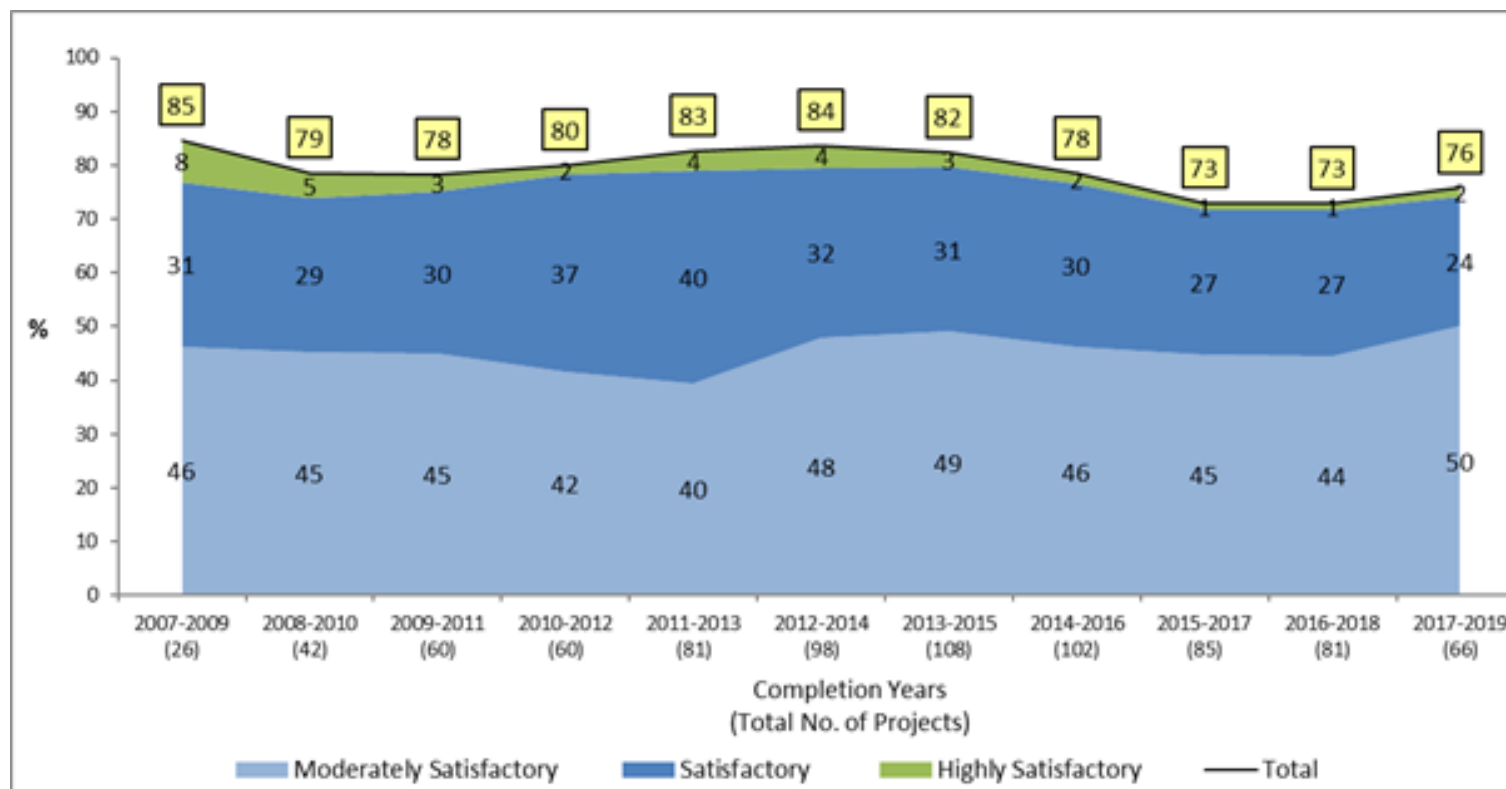


- Strong contribution to gender equality and the empowerment of poor rural women – **but was it transformative?**
- Significant progress towards women's economic empowerment, but also some **missed opportunities** to maximize the benefits for poor women and to address gender inequalities
- Men hired for jobs in social enterprises on the basis of it being “men's work” (at **higher pay**) - without considering whether women could have been trained up to do the work
- Increased access to finance by women – but women often take out loans for farming and **enterprises managed by husbands and sons.**

# Raising the bar at IFAD

## GEWE (2007-2019)

Percentage of projects rated moderately satisfactory or better by three-year moving period



Source: IOE evaluation database (PCR/PPE), February 2021.

# Further reading

- 2017 Evaluation Synthesis: What works for gender equality and women's empowerment – a review of practices and results  
<https://www.ifad.org/en/web/ioe/evaluation/asset/39823882>
- 2020 Project Performance Evaluation: Tejaswini Women's Empowerment Programme  
<https://www.ifad.org/en/web/ioe/evaluation/asset/41984457>
- IFAD Independent Office of Evaluation  
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