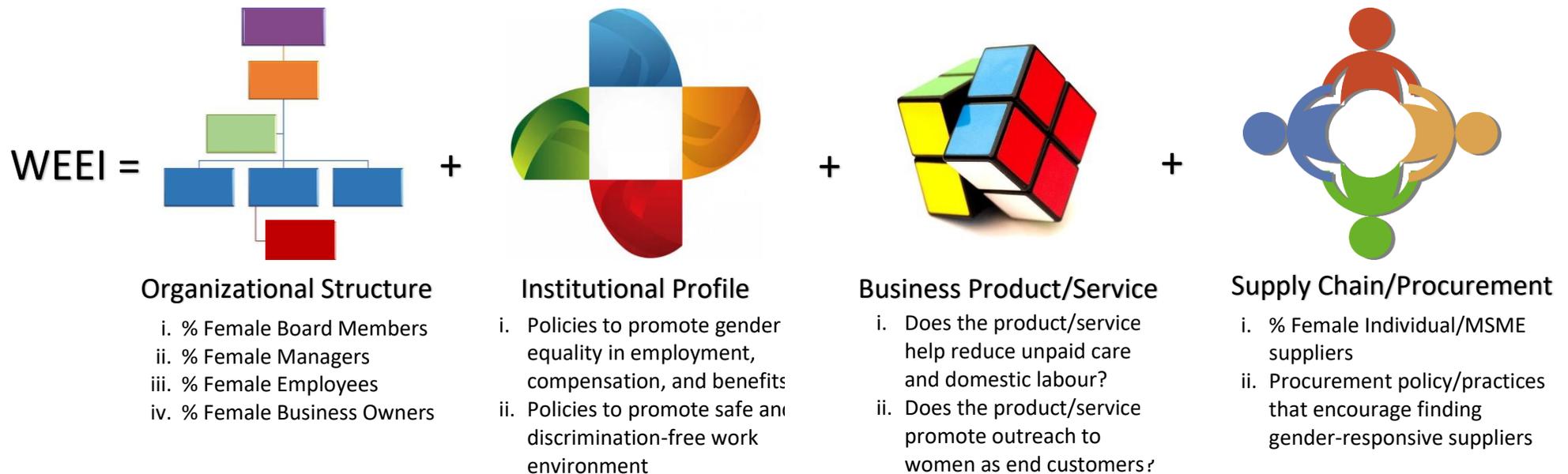


**Inclusive and Equitable Local Development (IELD) Programme:**  
Women’s Economic Empowerment Index (WEEI) – Private Investments

The WEEI for private investments is a set of indicators, categorized into four main dimensions as shown below. It is designed to assess the gender responsiveness of a specific sole proprietor, small- and medium-enterprise (MSME) in the formal or informal sector at any stage of the value chain.

Based upon the completion of the assessment, the WEEI can help determine the degree to which

- i. the organization of the MSME might be considered gender-responsive
- ii. the organization of the value chain might be considered gender-responsive although ultimately this remains a normative judgement.



**Scoring Methodology:** The WEEI calculation can range from 0 (the business is the most gender-biased) to 1 (the business is the most gender-responsive).  
**Businesses that score a WEEI higher than 0.50 will be considered for grant funding from IELD.**

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**Women’s Economic Empowerment Index (WEEI) – Public Investments**

The WEEI for public investments is a set of indicators, categorized into two main dimensions as shown below. It is designed to assess the gender responsiveness of a specific publicly-owned investment and/or infrastructure project at any stage of development.

Based upon the completion of the assessment, the WEEI can help determine the degree to which

- i. the publicly-owned investment is promoting social and environmental safeguards
- ii. the publicly-owned investment is promoting gender-equalizing conditions in their local area of operations

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**Environment and Social Safeguards**

- i. Increased access to clean water, sanitation, public transportation, electricity, education, markets, other public services
- ii. Direct impact on women’s access to employment and income-generation opportunities

**Gender-Equalizing Conditions**

- i. Explicit commitment to promote WEE
- ii. Gender equality in employment, compensation, benefits, etc.

**Scoring Methodology:** The WEEI can range from 0 (the public investment is the most gender-biased) to 1 (the public investment is the most gender-responsive).  
**Public investments that score a WEEI higher than 0.50 will be considered for grant funding from IELD.**

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