

HOW MOBILE LEARNING INITIATIVES CAN EMPOWER WOMEN

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ABSTRACT

The Sustainable Development Goal 5 provides a call to action to promote gender equality and to empower women. This article responds to that call by providing insight into how mobile learning initiatives have been used to support that aim. A critical analysis is conducted of studies in the past decade to review what strategies have been effective in empowering women. The analysis revealed that initiatives were targeted towards three areas: Education, health, and financial empowerment.

Findings show that in certain topics women should play an active role to further the empowerment process. This article also aligns with Objective 4 of the ITU-D Global Development Objectives (2015-2018) to build human capacity as this analysis will give leaders, policy makers, and researchers' insight into what should be the focus for future endeavors to enable women to be active and equally important members of the community.

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