



Roadmap to gender equity for hyperlocal delivery companies

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Glossary of terms (1/2)

- Delivery agent (DA): Professionals working to pick up and deliver packages to end consumers
- Flexi-staffing: Provision of temporary and trained semi-skilled employees (e.g., sales) to large companies
- Growing Livelihood Opportunities for Women (GLOW): Program that aims to increase women's employment, participation, and fair treatment
- **High potential industries:** Industries that have the potential to create a) large number of jobs, b) leverage women's capabilities, and c) align with women's employment needs. Home healthcare, last mile delivery and flexi-staffing have been identified as high potential industries
- Household (HH): Group of persons who normally live together and take their meals from a common kitchen unless the exigencies of work prevent any of them from doing so¹
- Household with low-income: Households belonging to socioeconomic classes A3 or below under the New Consumer Classification System (NCCS). These households have an average monthly household income of INR 18,000 (USD 240) and below
- Job: Activity performed in exchange for income through wages
- Last mile delivery (LMD): Final leg of a delivery where the parcel is delivered to the end-consumer
- Labour force participation rate (LFPR)²: Percentage of 15-59 year-olds that are a) employed, or b) are unemployed but seeking work, or c) have expressed willingness to work
- **Logistics**: Transport and storage of the parcel from the seller to the end-consumer. Roles in the logistics industry include delivery agent, warehouse packer and sorter etc.

^{1.} Ministry of Home Affairs: <u>Census terms</u> I 2- PLFS 2017-18; While PLFS 2017-18 defines WPR across all age-groups, we have referred to this as WPR for 15-59 year olds only

Glossary of terms (2/2)

- New Consumer Classification System (NCCS): Method of classifying consumers by their propensity to spend using two variables – education of the chief wage earner and the number of consumer durables owned by the household from a predefined list
- National Family Health Survey (NFHS): Large-scale, multi-round survey conducted in a representative sample of households throughout India to provide demographic and health database
- Partners: Companies collaborating with GLOW to increase women's recruitment and retention
- **Period Labour Force Survey (PLFS):** Quarterly and annual surveys conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) for measurement of key indicators pertaining to employment (e.g., labour force participation) by demographic variables (e.g., urban vs, rural, gender)
- **Self-employed:** A person who a) operates own farm or non-farm enterprise, or b) is engaged independently in a profession or trade, or c) is working in their household/family-run enterprise
- Unemployment rate (UR): (LFPR WPR) / LFPR
- Urban: A settlement with at least 100,000 inhabitants with density of 400 people per sq. km or more, and at least 75% of male working population engaged in non-farm activities¹
- Women: Unless explicitly mentioned, this refers to women aged 15 and 59 years from households with low income² in urban³ India
- Worker population ratio (WPR)⁴: Percentage of 15-59 year olds that are employed

^{1.} Defined as settlements of at least 5,000 inhabitants with density of 400 people per sq. km or more, and at least 75% of male working population engaged in non-farm activities, by Ministry of Home Affairs | 2. Households belonging to A3 to E3 NCCS categories | 3. Population of more than 100,000 based on RBIs definition of urban centers | 4. Source: PLFS 2017-18; While PLFS 2017-18 defines WPR across all age-groups, we have referred to this as WPR for 15-59 year olds only

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Hyperlocal delivery companies can get 3 benefits from a gender-diverse workforce¹

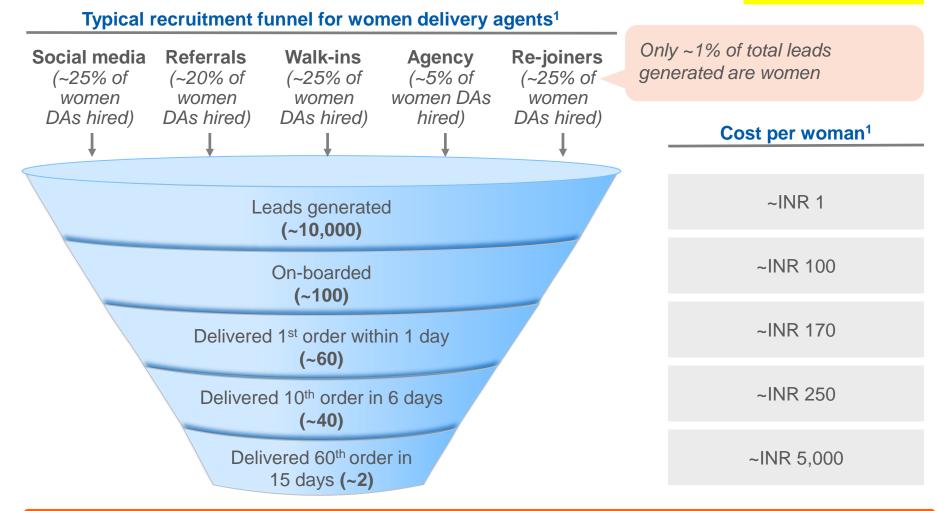


Are you willing to start the journey to improve gender diversity?

1. Based on interviews with ~10 delivery companies and 1 investment firm; 2. Top 8 cities: Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Pune, Chennai, Hyderabad, Ahmadabad, Bangalore; 3. World Bank, PLFS report, Nielson data, FSG estimates; 4. FSG primary research with ~6,600 urban Indian women

However, companies find it expensive to hire women and difficult to retain them

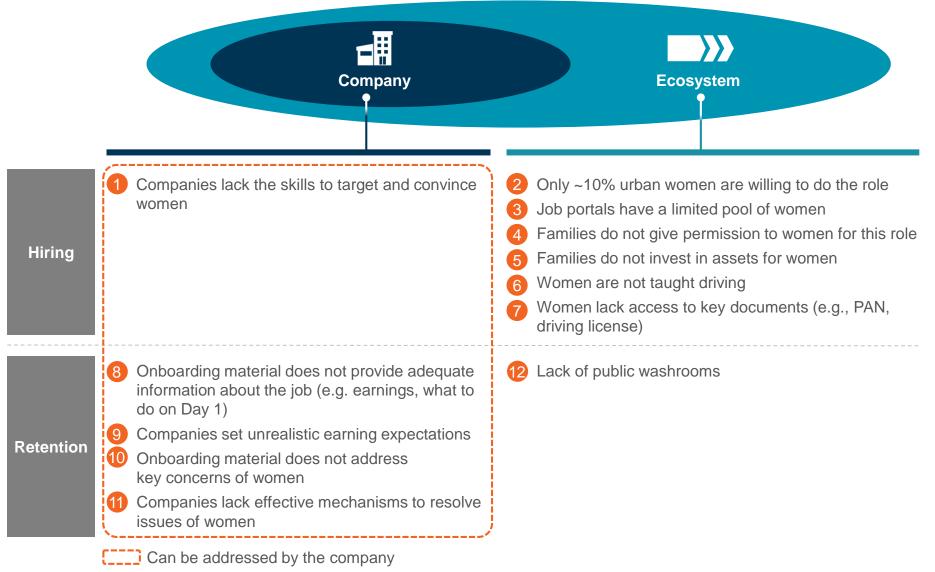
ILLUSTRATIVE



• Only 1% of female leads generated are on-boarded as delivery agents (DAs)

- Companies are able to retain only 60% women DAs after on-boarding and only 2% after 15 days
- 1. Based on interviews with hyperlocal delivery companies

Companies are unable to build a gender diverse workforce because of challenges within and outside the company¹



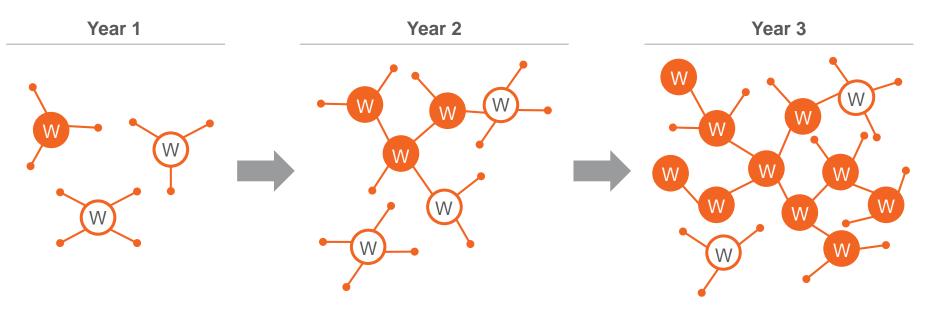
1. Based on interviews with ~10 delivery companies

GLOW has developed 6 solutions that can help companies hire and retain women cost-effectively...

	Challenge		Solution	Estimated cost	Estimated benefit
1		A	Make hiring collateral gender equitable	~INR 5 lakhs to develop collateral	~5% increase in lead conversion ¹
	Companies lack the skills to target and convince women	B	Develop new tele-caller script to convince women	~INR 250 per new woman DA	~50% increase in lead conversion ²
		С	Modify referral bonus to incentivize initial order completion	INR 500 per referred woman who delivers 10 orders	~5% increase in referrals for female candidates
8	Onboarding material does not provide adequate information about job	D	Provide initial handholding by team leaders ³	~INR 80 per new woman DA	~20% increase in first order retention
1	Onboarding material does not address key concerns of women	e	Develop a 5-minute video addressing concerns of women DAs	~INR 10 lakhs to develop collateral	~5% increase in first order retention
1	Companies lack effective mechanisms to address women's concerns	F	Assign women DA mentors and pay them INR 10 per order for 100 deliveries by mentee	~INR 140 per new woman DA	~10% increase in 15-day retention

1. Assuming conversion rate improves from ~1% to ~1.05%; 2. Assuming conversion rate improves from ~1% to ~1.5%; 3. The intervention can be discontinued once the women workforce in delivery roles scales

...and gradually scale women workforce





Women DAs who do not refer women in their network

Women in network of women DAs

Improving retention would help hyperlocal delivery companies scale their women workforce as:

- More women DAs would recommend the role to female friends and family (~62% women look for jobs through personal networks)
- Women DAs would act as role models for other women in their communities
- New women DAs would have a support network of women DAs

Apart from this roadmap, GLOW can provide 4 types of support to achieve your gender diversity goals



1 Research

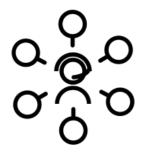
Share research on women's employment needs (e.g., job search channels, motivation to work)



2 Market intelligence

Share industry best practices for hiring and retaining women (e.g., pick up and drop services, handholding for the first 15 days)

3 Advisory



Act as thought partner to the leadership to advance company's gender agenda (e.g., set gender targets and KPIs)



4 Capacity building

Train and coach ground staff to hire and retain women (e.g., pitch to attract women, gender diversity sensitization trainings)

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FSG Inclusive Markets (IM) aims to **improve opportunities**, **agency and choice for families with low- income** by working with companies to **serve these families as customers** (and not with non-profits to serve them as beneficiaries)

Through our programs, we **address key barriers that preventing companies from offering products, services, or practices** (e.g., housing, education, employment) that benefit families with low- income

We do this by:

- Talking to thousands of **families to understand their needs**, **aspirations and challenges**
- Talking to hundreds of managers to understand the operational barriers and to tens of CXOs to understand the business, ecosystem, and regulatory barriers
- Signing up and partnering with companies to **co-create interventions** to address barriers, pilot solutions, and profitably scale the much-needed product, service, or practice
- **Publishing and disseminating public goods** (e.g., women's employment aspirations, companies' barriers, best practices) to make it less risky for the industry to provide this product or service
- Addressing ecosystem barriers (e.g., making policy suggestions) to make the market more conducive

GLOW's Vision, Mission and Goals

	Vision	 Improve gender equity in India by economically empowering women
	Mission	 Sustainably place 1m+ women from households with low- income¹ in jobs by shifting companies' mindset and practices
	Goals	In 6 years:
		• Place 100,000 women in jobs across 2-3 high-growth industries
Ø		 Increase women's workforce participation by 6% across partners²
		 Make it easier and less risky for these industries to increase women's workforce participation by publishing best practices and demonstrating the business benefits of employing women

1 – Households belonging to socioeconomic classes A3 or below under the New Consumer Classification System (NCCS). These households have an average monthly household income of INR 18,000 (USD 240) and below | 2 – Companies that are collaborating with GLOW to increase women's recruitment, retention, and promotion

Most women in urban India come from low-income and loweducation backgrounds



- 83% of women in urban India come from households with low-income¹
- 85% of women from households with low-income have not gone to college
- **>50%** of women from households with low-income have not completed Grade 10

To meaningfully increase women's workforce participation, women from low-income and low-education backgrounds need to be employed

1. Households belonging to socioeconomic classes A3 or below under the New Consumer Classification System (NCCS). These households have an average monthly household income of INR 18,000 (USD 240) and below

Family and societies restrict women from taking up employment opportunities

Primary insight

84% of women need to secure permission to work

Family attitudes are progressive in theory, not in practice

Most families prefer entrepreneurship but, most women prefer jobs

11% of women are willing to use paid day care services

Supporting insights

- 84% of women need to secure permission prior to deciding to work
 For 1 in 3 women that are neither working nor seeking a job, lack of permission or precedence is the primary reason for not working
- A While >90% decision makers believe it is important for women in society to work and that it brings pride to the family...
- B ...1 in 4 prefer if women in their households did not work at all
- 69% of key decision makers firmly believe that the main role of a woman is to take care of the home and children
- 3 in 4 decision makers in the family prefer that women work from home or start a business so they can also manage house work
- B 2 of 3 aspiring-to-work women prefer jobs over entrepreneurship
 - 93% women want fixed salaries over daily wages
- A Both women and key decision makers believe child care is primarily the mother's and families responsibility
- B 51% of women are aware of paid day care services, 11% are willing to use services and only 1% have used the services
 - Of the 15% women that cited lack of affordability as a reason for not using paid day-care services, ~50% are willing to use Anganwadi services¹

Note: Unless explicitly mentioned, 'women' in this document refers to women aged 15 and 59 years from households with low income (i.e. households having an average monthly household income of INR 18,000 or USD 240 and below) in urban India. Data source: FSG's interviews with 6,600 women and 550 key decision makers from urban households with low-income in 16 cities across 14 states in India. 1. Anganwadis are government-run child care and development centers set up under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme of the Central Government of India. Provision of Anganwadi service is free.

Despite this, women in urban India want to work in jobs and are confident in their abilities to do these jobs

Primary insight

1 in 2 women in urban India want to work in jobs

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Women want to work to be self reliant and are confident in their abilities

Some women are willing to work in nontraditional and male dominated workplaces (e.g., warehouses)

Supporting insights

- Women in urban India want to be in jobs; 1 in 2 women are either working in a job or seeking one
- B 88% of women believe a mother could work outside the house
- C Women with children >6 years and those that know other working women are among the most likely to be in a job
- 72% of women strongly believe that they should not prioritize children and household over thinking about working
- A 64% of women strongly agree that for a woman to be self-reliant it is important to work
- B Supporting own and family expenses is the key reason for >90% women to start seeking jobs
- **C** 87% of women are optimistic about their ability to pick up new skills
- A Some segments of women are more amenable to be in a job (e.g., women with low education levels, strong working culture and child >6 years are most willing to work in warehouses)
- **B** 70% believe they would be comfortable talking to strangers (including men)
 - 1 in 2 women are comfortable working in an environment that is 90% male

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~1m women can be brought into the workforce by increasing women's participation in high-growth industries from 5% to 10%

Last-mile delivery



Hyperlocal delivery agent⁴



Last-mile delivery agent

Warehousing



Warehouse packer



Warehouse sorter⁵

Flexi-staffing



Retail sales associate⁶

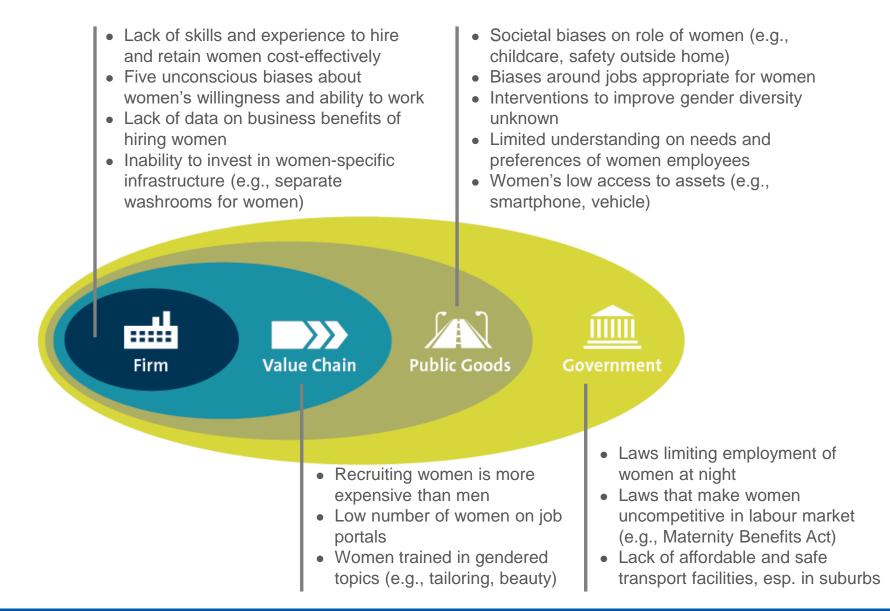


Tele calling agent⁷ and more...

- Last-mile delivery, warehousing and flexi-staffing industries are growing rapidly and employed ~1.2 million workers in 2020, and less than 8% were women¹
- Many jobs (e.g., delivery agent, warehouse packer) in these industries need basic education (i.e., 10th pass) and on-the-job training²
- Increasing women's participation from 8% to 24% by 2030, can add 1m+ additional women in jobs³

1 – PLFS 2019-20, Indian Staffing Federation Report 2018 and 2021 | 2 – Based on FSG's interviews with Logistics and Flexi-staffing companies | 3 – Assuming worker CAGR of 4% for Logistics and 8% for Flexi-staffing industry, Logistics and Flexi-staffing industry industries could employ ~15 million workers by 2030 | 4-MONEY SHARMA / AFP via Getty Images I 5-Metamorworks/Shutterstock.com I 6- IndianFaces/Shutterstock.com I7-moodboard/Brand X Pictures via Getty Images

Barriers preventing companies from increasing women's workforce participation



Most of these barriers cannot be addressed effectively by firms themselves

Firms will not address barriers because...

- Insufficient risk-adjusted return (e.g., lack of data on business benefits of hiring women, cost of research to understand women's needs and preferences when impact on gender diversity is unclear, cost of spending team's time when there is low confidence in returns)
- Availability of lower cost alternatives reduces willingness to try new strategies (e.g., cost of hiring women for delivery agent (DA) roles is 3x that for men)
- Free rider problem creates risks to investments in gender equity (e.g., risk of competitors poaching women from firms that invest in finding and recruiting women)
- **Competitive instinct** reduces willingness to co-operate to solve common issues (e.g., low willingness to cooperate to convince families that field roles are appropriate for women)

Firms cannot address barriers because...

- Lack of capacity and capability limit ability to adopt gender-equitable practices (GEPs) (e.g., designing GEPs, sequencing GEPs into a low-risk and low-cost roadmap, inability to invest in infrastructure)
- Lack of networks constrains ability to solve ecosystem issues (e.g., with impact investors, skilling organizations, clients willing to pay more for women)
- Lack of neutrality limits capability to influence stakeholders (e.g., government is less likely to change policy if firm petitions vs. if a neutral party like FSG explains the need to allow women in night shifts)
- **Biases** make it difficult to hire female talent (e.g., Societal biases on role of women or on jobs appropriate for women, five unconscious biases within firms about women's willingness and ability to work)

As an industry facilitator, GLOW is addressing issues that prevent firms from solving barriers themselves

- Build a nuanced understanding of the problem by interviewing all key stakeholders (e.g., research with 6,600+ women, managers within firm)
- Improve risk-adjusted return for research by developing low-cost genderequitable practices and disseminating to firms
- Make gender equity a priority for firm leadership and convince companies to embark on this journey (e.g., by sharing business benefits of hiring women, by offering support)
- Build and disseminate public goods (e.g., publishing gender-equity roadmap on website)
- Advocate to government on behalf of industry (e.g., reducing cost of employing women in night shifts, parental benefits as opposed to maternity benefits)

Till date, GLOW has signed-up 17 partners and these partners have added 3,600+ women in jobs through pilots

17 partners signed-up

Together, these partners currently employ ~600,000 people and less than 1% are women



Multiple pilots in-progress

- Use local influencers as mobilizers (e.g., *Mahila Mandal* president)
- Incentivize recruiters to
 hire women
- Create a pitch that is attractive for women
- Assign experienced female mentors to new female employees
- Share case studies of women doing work considered difficult for them
- ... and more

Impact seen in ~2 years

- ~35 GEP (Gender equitable practices) piloted
- >100,000 additional jobs for women by logistics and FS industries
- >3,600 additional jobs for women by partners
- Gender equitable policies and practices implemented. For example:
 - Recruitment channels optimized
 - Recruiter capability improved through training
 - ... and more

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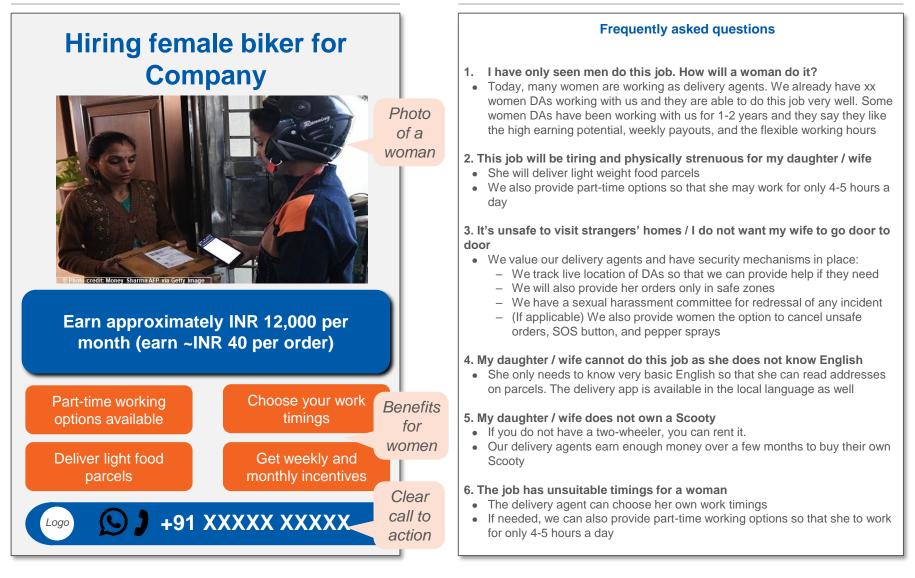
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Make hiring collateral gender-equitable (1/2)

PRELIMINARY



FAQs for family members



Make hiring collateral gender-equitable (2/2)

Illustrative job advertisement



- · Utilize navigation apps to find the most optimal route
- · Interact with clients in a professional manner and accept payments, if required
- · Ensure that vehicles have sufficient fuel and are always ready for use

Benefits available to women:

- Flexible working hours
- Light parcels
- Choose to work part-time (4-hours)

Estimated costs

 ~INR 1 lakh one-time cost¹ for design of new collateral Estimated benefits

 ~5% increase in lead conversion¹

Include benefits available

to women

1. GLOW assumption

B Modify tele-caller script to convince women (1/2)

PRELIMINARY

Existing pitch

"Hi, I am calling from company A. We are hiring delivery agents. Would you be interested in applying?"

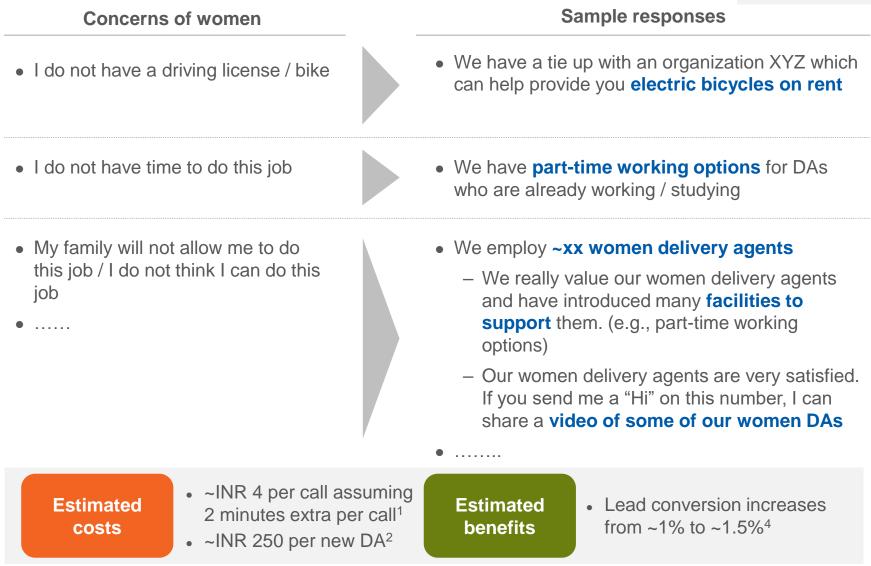
Proposed pitch

"Hi, I am calling from company A. We are hiring **women** delivery agents. On average, our delivery agents deliver ~10 orders per day, and **earn ~INR 12,000 per month**. We have also introduced several **facilities for women** such as tie-ups with petrol pumps to use washrooms, period leaves, and SOS button for emergencies. We also offer **parttime working options** for our women DAs. Would you be interested in applying?"



B Modify tele-caller script to convince women (2/2)

PRELIMINARY



^{1.} Assuming ~INR 20,000 per month average salary of tele-callers, tele-callers work for 5 days per week and 8 hours per day; 2. Assuming a 1.5% conversion rate; 3. GLOW assumption

C Modify referral bonus structure to incentivize initial order completion

Referral bonus	Existing structure ¹	Proposed structure	
Amount	INR 2,500	INR 2,500	
Payout structure	 INR 500 bonus if the referred DA delivers 60 orders in 30 days Additional INR 500 bonus if the referred DA delivers 100 orders in 30 days Additional INR 1,500 bonus if the referred DA delivers 400 orders in 30 days 	 INR 500 bonus if the referred DA delivers 10 orders Additional INR 500 bonus if the referred DA delivers 60 orders Additional INR 1,500 bonus if the referred DA delivers 400 orders 	
Payout structure	 DA needs to login for the entire shift duration DA needs to login on the weekends 	NA	
Estimated costs	 ~INR 500 per referred woman DA who completes 10 orders 		

1. Indicative structures based on interviews with industry players; 2. GLOW assumption

Provide initial handholding by TLs

Day 0	Day 1	Day 8
Team leaders call all women DAs right after they are on-boarded	Team leaders call all women DAs on the first day of their job	Every Monday, team leaders call women DAs who joined the previous week but have not earned incentives / have earned less
 Ask DA to demonstrate what she will do on the first day of the job and share tips (e.g., suggest high demand locations) Explain the help option and share 3 example scenarios where it can be used Share phone number of team leader and female DA mentor 	 Check if the woman DA is facing any challenges in delivering orders and troubleshoot: Has she logged in? How many orders has she been able to deliver? What challenge is she facing in delivering orders? If she faces any further issues, she should call the team leader 	Provide tips to the women DA on how to earn incentives in order to maximize earnings (e.g., complete xx hours or deliver xx packages to earn incentive, improve customer ratings)
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Develop a 5 minute training video to address concerns of women

Add a component to address concerns of women DAs Address common concerns of women DAs:

- Lack of washrooms
- Physically tiring job
- Safety concerns
- Facilities for women DAs

Show photos of women DAs

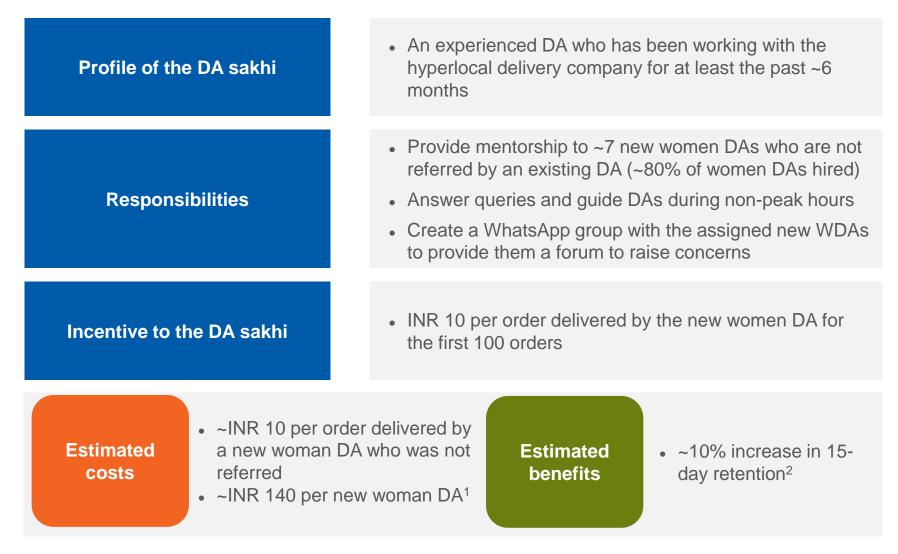


Estimated costs

 ~INR 10 lakhs to develop the collateral¹ Estimated benefits ~5% increase in first order retention²

1. GLOW assumption

Assign women DA mentors



1. Based on the attrition data received from various industry players, GLOW estimates that a DA mentor will be paid for ~17 orders on average per new WDE; 2. GLOW assumption

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