



## Roadmap to gender equity for flexi-staffing companies

April 2025

# FSG's multi-year programs have helped address barriers and scale 3 inclusive industries

### Ownership Housing (2006-2016)



- 22 housing finance companies provided
   >230,000 low-income households with affordable mortgages totaling >USD 4.1b
- >30,500 affordable housing units built across 130+ projects in 23 cities between Jun 2011-Jan 2013

### Early Childhood Education (2015-ongoing)



- 9 activity-based learning providers signed-up
- Partners serving >1100 schools and providing >170,000 children from low-income families access to ABL
- ~33% improvement in learning outcomes since 2018 for children in PIPE schools

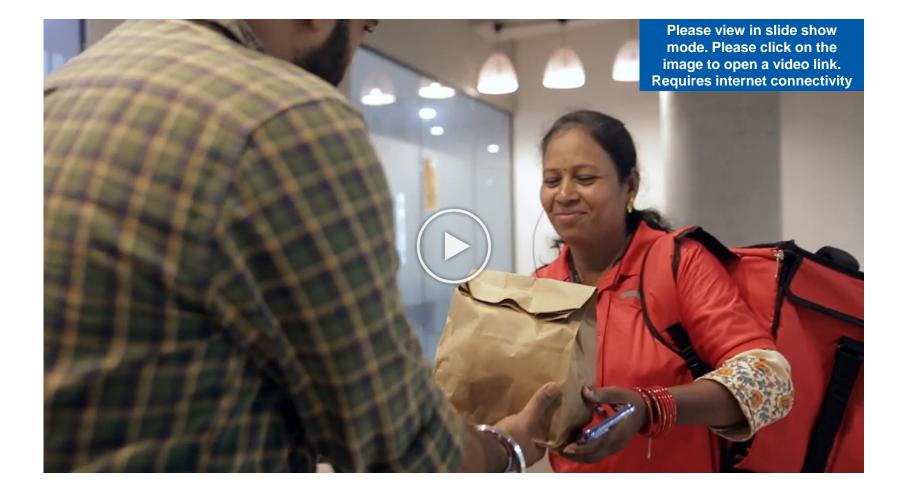
## Women's livelihoods (2020-ongoing)



- 20+ partners signed-up
- Partners increased women's participation by 3 percentage points in jobs in 2 years
- 2 industries (i.e., flexistaffing<sup>1</sup> and logistics) increased # women from ~121K women to ~274K women in jobs between 2020 and 2024

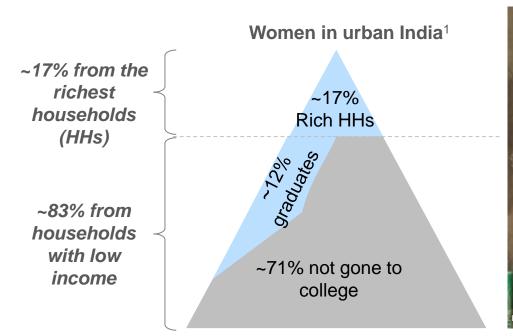
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### GLOW's approach to boost women's workforce participation



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### 2 of 3 women in urban India come from low-income and loweducation backgrounds





Segment of women GLOW works with

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 society restrict women from taking up employment opportunities

### Primary insight

84% of women need to secure permission to work

Family attitudes are progressive in theory, but not in practice

Most families prefer entrepreneurship but, most women prefer jobs

11% of women are willing to use paid daycare 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
- A 3 in 4 decision makers in the family prefer that women work from home or start a business so they can also manage household 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 childcare is primarily the mother's and family's responsibility
- B 51% of women are aware of paid daycare services, 11% are willing to use these services and only 1% have used these services
- C Of the 15% women that cited lack of affordability as a reason for not using paid daycare services, ~50% are willing to use Anganwadi services<sup>1</sup>

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 childcare 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

### **Supporting insights**

- A 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
  - Women with children >6 years and those that know other working women, are among the most likely to be in a job
- D 72% of women strongly believe that they should not prioritize children and household over thinking about working
- Women want to work to be self reliant and are confident in their abilities
- 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

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

- 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)
- 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 8% to 24%

### **Flexi-staffing**



**Retail sales associate**<sup>6</sup>



Tele calling agent<sup>7</sup> and more...

### Warehousing



Warehouse packer



Warehouse sorter<sup>5</sup>

### Last-mile delivery



Hyperlocal delivery agent<sup>4</sup>



Last-mile delivery agent

- High-growth industries (e.g., Last-mile delivery, warehousing, and flexi-staffing) employed ~1.2 million workers in 2020, of which ~8% were women<sup>1</sup>
- Many jobs (e.g., delivery agent, warehouse packer) in these industries need basic education (i.e., 10<sup>th</sup> grade completed) and on-the-job training<sup>2</sup>
- Increasing women's participation from 8% to 24% by 2030 can add 1m+ additional women in jobs<sup>3</sup>

1 – PLFS 2019-20, Indian Staffing Federation Report 2018, 2020 and 2021 | 2 – Based on FSG's interviews with Logistics and Flexi-staffing companies | 3 – Assuming Logistics and Flexi-staffing industries could employ ~3.8 million workers by 2030 | 4-MONEY SHARMA / AFP via Getty Images | 5-Metamorworks/Shutterstock.com | 6- IndianFaces/Shutterstock.com | 7-moodboard/Brand X Pictures via Getty Images

To date, GLOW has identified, convinced and signed-up 20+ companies as 'partners'

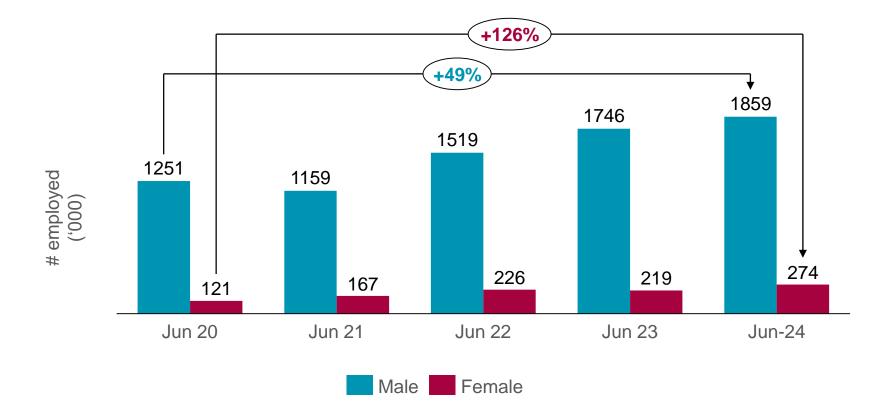


And more...

At sign-up, partners employed ~500,000 people, and less than 1% were women

# Between 2020 and 2024, GLOW industries have more than doubled the number of women in jobs from ~121K to ~274K

~153,000 additional women added in jobs in logistics<sup>1</sup> and flexi-staffing industries<sup>2</sup>



1 – Logistics: 1) PLFS report 2020,2021,2022, 2023, 2024, 2)- Industries considered under logistics- warehousing & storage, courier activities and retail sale via mail order houses or via internet I 2 – Flexi- staffing: 1) Total workforce triangulated from ISF Annual Report- 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2) Industries considered under Flexi-staffing: Retail, FMCG & FMCD, Logistics & E-Commerce, BFSI and Industrials

# Clients are increasingly mandating female associates from outsourcing partners

## Your clients are seeing benefits to hiring women...

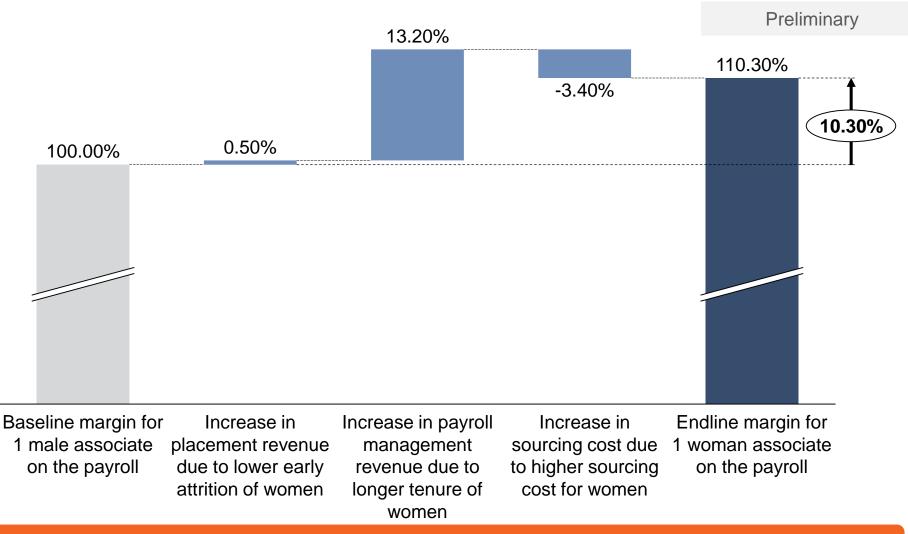
- "Our clients want a higher proportion of women associates because they have lower attrition and higher productivity."
  - ~ CBO of a staffing company
- "Women are better at multitasking"
   ~VP, Operations, Staffing Company
- "Gender diversity makes the work environment more professional ~VP, Operations, Staffing Company
- "Clients are willing to pay more for a female candidate in banking field sales"
  - ~ CBO, staffing company

### ...and have started mandating women in outsourced roles

- Top 3 logistics players have signalled ~15% women across all warehouses in 2 years
- 2 large retail chains have opened all-women stores
- 2 electronic vehicle manufacturing companies are hiring women for all 3 shifts
- A major auto manufacturer has two assembly lines run 100% by women
- ...and more

To meet this upcoming demand, your organization needs to start building the capabilities today

# Hiring a woman increases the gross margin per person on payroll by 10.3% due to lower attrition and longer tenure



#### Even though sourcing women can cost more initially, hiring women is a long-term investment

Based on payroll analysis of ~8,000 payrolls of ~1 staffing company for ~8 months 2. Gross margin per person on payroll is the total revenue contributed minus total costs incurred to place and manage payroll for one employee. For more details, read FSG report on ROI of gender diversity

# However, all major stakeholders face significant challenges in supporting the addition of women in blue-collar jobs



### Leaders of staffing companies

- Have not evaluated the business benefits of a gender-diverse workforce
- View building skills for gender diversity as a long-term effort
- Have not set organization-wide gender goals
- Have not established accountability measures to drive gender diversity across all levels

### B Recruiters

- Do not have the time to build a large database of female candidates
- Do not know how to source women associates to meet diversity requirements
- Have more experience or comfort hiring men
- Do not tailor their pitch for the candidate
- Have constant high pressure to fulfill mandates quickly using the existing database

### Female candidates

- Do not receive permission to work from families
- Do not get all the necessary information from biased job descriptions
- Do not get shortlisted due to unnecessarily high qualification criteria for blue-collar jobs
- Are not aware of available blue-collar job opportunities open to women

### Families of female candidates

- Are concerned about women's safety during their commute or at the workplace
- Adhere to traditional gender roles (e.g., do not help the woman with childcare or housework)
- Do not think that women will be able to handle physically demanding work

FS companies are unable to increase women associates because of 7 challenges within and outside the organization<sup>1,2</sup>



- Recruiters do not have the skills to hire women quickly
- 2 Companies are not incentivizing recruiters to hire women
- 3 BD teams do not use gender as the key differentiator during a pitch

Recruiters do not build a database of female candidates

- 5 Families do not allow women to work late or migrate for jobs
- 6 Job portals have a limited pool of women
- Policies can be more conducive to enabling women to work

**CTTT** Focus of this document

Note: 1. Based on fieldwork in 5 states, interviews with 100+ employees at 10+ staffing companies (leadership, managers, recruiters), and interviews with clients of staffing companies (e.g., HR and sales managers at 3 of the top 10 FMCG companies, leadership of logistics companies); 2. Based on 6,615 profile interviews and 2,291 main interviews conducted by FSG.

# 14 interventions can help FS companies become a reputed provider of a gender diverse workforce in ~12 months<sup>1,2</sup>

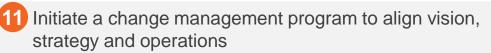
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**One-time** 

Train the recruitment team to hire women effectively

### Reward gender-inclusive recruiters



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# GLOW can start supporting FS companies in 6 ways to improve gender diversity in frontline roles

#### Steps your company can take

### GLOW's support along the way

1	8~8 \8/	Build a go-to-market strategy for gender	<ul> <li>Co-create a where-to-play and how-to-win strategy for gender</li> <li>Identify the appropriate roles and clients to pitch gender to</li> </ul>
2	Ś	Prioritise gender diversity	<ul> <li>Assist leadership in setting an internal gender goal</li> <li>Help leadership track and measure progress against the goal</li> </ul>
3	•	Craft a gender- focused BD pitch	<ul> <li>Train BD teams to build effective gender collateral</li> <li>Help the BD teams to pitch diversity in client outreach</li> </ul>
4	88 U	Engage gender- focused clients	<ul> <li>Share a list of diversity-focused companies with the BD teams</li> <li>Provide email templates for cold outreach to the BD teams</li> </ul>
5		Train the recruitment team	<ul> <li>Train recruiters and managers to hire and retain women</li> <li>Train your trainers to deliver trainings for other recruiters</li> </ul>
6		Reward gender- inclusive recruiters	<ul> <li>Launch a short-term monthly recognition scheme for diversity champions</li> <li>Reward recruiters with the highest female payrolls</li> </ul>

What other support will your company need from GLOW?

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### Initiate diversity journey

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### 6 Reward gender-inclusive recruiters

1 Initiate a change management to align vision, strategy and operations

## Build a go-to-market strategy for gender

### Answer 4 questions in a workshop...



Which industries should we target?



Which roles should we target?



Which roles will be easy for the business development team to pitch?



Which roles will be easy for operations team to fill?

### ...to align on 3 targets

- Set a 1-year diversity target
- Align on industries and job roles to target
- Select 10 diversity-focused clients to pitch to



## Prioritise gender diversity

	Diverse teams drive better decision-making, innovation, and problem- solving
Why is gender diversity important? <sup>1</sup>	Organizations that prioritize gender diversity attract top talent and foster a positive work culture
	Gender diversity signals competent management, boosting investor confidence and market value
	Set ambitious yet realistic goals based on available resources
How can you effectively prioritise gender diversity	Define distinct goals for in-house and off-roll employees
in your organization?	Link goals to the company's broader vision and goals
	Measure gender diversity across departments, levels, and roles
How can gender diversity be tracked and measured?	Discuss gender goal progress regularly in leadership meetings
be tracked and measured?	<ul> <li>Compare progress against industry standards to ensure competitiveness and commitment</li> </ul>

1. Harvard Business Review. (2019). Research: When Gender Diversity Makes Firms More Productive. Retrieved from https://hbr.org/2019/02/research-when-gender-diversity-makes-firms-more-productive

## Craft a gender-focused business development (BD) pitch

Workshop: Outline an effective diversity pitch	Workshop: Mock diversity pitch
Duration: ~2 hours	Duration: ~2.5 hours
<ul> <li>Activities</li> <li>Outline a compelling diversity pitch</li> <li>Understand the client context and design our value proposition</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Activities</li> <li>Pitch to sales head</li> <li>Share feedback on each pitch</li> </ul>
Develop a pitch deck	Perfect the pitch to clients

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Details

Outcome



## Engage gender-focused clients

GLOW can provide you with information on:

8+ sectors, such as retail, BFSI, healthcare, logistics, e-commerce, and more

**15+ companies,** including Fortune 500, industry leaders, and top Indian corporates

40+ Points of Contact (POCs), including CHROs, MDs, CEOs, and other senior executives

### You can use information this to:



Identify and target genderfocused clients across diverse industries



Access a database of key decision-makers for outreach and networking



Initiate conversations with decision-makers by sending personalized emails to drive business opportunities

## <sup>5</sup> Train the recruitment team to hire women effectively: 5 key areas of training

### HOW TO BECOME AN EXPERT RECRUITER?



# <sup>5A</sup>**Recruiter pitch:** Train recruiters to improve candidate conversion using mock pitches

### **Objectives**

- Train recruiters to screen, convince and prepare candidates for interviews
- Get recruiters to develop a compelling pitch
- Get recruiters to practice the pitch and exchange feedback
- Share general tips to maximise chances of selection



Attendees: Recruiters, recruitment managers and appointed trainers



Host: Appointed trainer



**Duration:** ~1.5 hours



Mode: In-person/ virtual



**Suggested timings:** First half on Wednesday/ Thursday



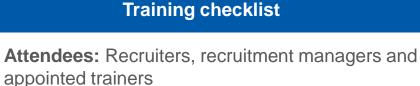
**Set-up required:** Projector, whiteboard and markers

Refer to Video recording of 'Recruiter pitch' training

### <sup>5B</sup>Candidate sourcing: Train recruiters to build a large candidate pool by leveraging 3 channels

### **Objectives**

- Train recruiters to leverage 3 channelscandidates, skilling centers and clientsto generate 50+ payrolls
- Get recruiters to think critically from the perspective of each of the 3 stakeholders
- Share tips for building a sizable pool of top-tier candidates





Host: Appointed trainer



Duration: ~1.5 hours



Mode: In-person/ virtual



**Suggested timings:** First half on Wednesday/ Thursday



**Set-up required:** Projector, whiteboard and markers

Refer to Video recording of 'Candidate sourcing' training

Job ads development: Train recruiters to develop compelling and effective job ads using various tools and messaging strategies

### **Objectives**

- Train recruiters to make job ads that attract maximum candidates and build a strong resource pool
- Share 6 indispensable and 3 optional details recruiters can include, making the job ads compelling
- Share 3 tools to help recruiters increase the attractiveness and effectiveness of job ads
- Share general tips to maximize job sign-ups



### Training checklist

 Attendees: Recruiters, recruitment managers and appointed trainers



Host: Appointed trainer



**Duration:** ~1.5 hours



Mode: In-person/ virtual



**Suggested timings:** First half on Wednesday/ Thursday



**Set-up required:** Projector, whiteboard and markers

Refer to Video recording of 'Job ads development' training

<sup>5D</sup>Minimise candidate drop-offs: Train recruiters to reduce the number of candidates who drop out of the recruitment process or leave the job within 1 month

### **Objectives**

- Train recruiters to support candidates during mandate discussion, before joining and after joining the job
- Share 8 reasons why candidates drop off and 9 ways recruiters can address them
- Get recruiters to practice check-in calls with the candidate and their manager
- Share general tips to improve candidate retention



Attendees: Recruiters, recruitment managers and appointed trainers

**Training checklist** 



Host: Appointed trainer



**Duration:** ~1.5 hours



Mode: In-person/virtual



**Suggested timings:** First half on Wednesday/ Thursday



**Set-up required:** Projector, whiteboard and markers

Refer to Video recording of 'Minimise candidate drop-offs' training

<sup>5E</sup>Unlocking business benefits by addressing unconscious biases training: Train recruiters to identify and address unconscious gender biases in the workplace

### **Objectives**

- Train recruiters to identify and address unconscious gender biases in the workplace
- Share 4 ways unconscious bias affects companies, 4 ways it affects women, and 3 ways it affects men in the workplace
- Share 17 solutions to combat common biases and 8 benefits of doing so
- Share 4 questions to help recruiters determine if they are influenced by unconscious biases



### Training checklist

 Attendees: Recruiters, recruitment managers and appointed trainers



Host: Appointed trainer



Duration: ~1.5 hours



Mode: In-person/ virtual



**Suggested timings:** First half on Wednesday/ Thursday



Set-up required: Projector, whiteboard and markers

## <sup>6</sup> Reward gender-inclusive recruiters: Details of the process, eligibility and recognition email

#### Process

- A Announce the reward program by email / Zoom call
- B Identify winners from monthly payroll data
- C Send a monthly email recognizing the top recruiter and manager
- D GLOW will send an INR 2,000 voucher to the top recruiter and an INR 5,000 voucher to the top manager
- E Congratulate winners in monthly employee engagement activities (e.g., with a certificate), over a group video call, in an organization-wide email, or on WhatsApp groups

#### **Eligibility for voucher**

- Each person is eligible for a maximum of 3 vouchers a year
- Payout is for the highest female payrolls (not # of women that joined)
- The calculation for managers is # of women payrolled by their team / # of the team members

#### **Recognition email for recruiters Congratulations to Top 3 recruiters** Recruiter1 for hiring the in Month1 most women in Month1! 1. Recruiter1 Recruiter2 2. Photo of <20> women 3. Recruiter3 recruiter payrolled!

We have detailed out the process in the following slides

### <sup>6E</sup>Reward gender-inclusive recruiters: Illustrative email from HR head / leadership

## Congratulations to the diversity champions for Month1





Sapna

Recruiter



Sunil

"This month I signed up local influencers which helped me to get more women leads"

### Sample certificate shared with winners



### Leadership could congratulate the diversity champions over a short call

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### 6 Reward gender-inclusive recruiters

Initiate a change management program to align vision, strategy and operations

# Document profitable gender mandates: Document benefits of hiring women and reap multiple benefits

#### Document 5 gender mandates...

# 5: Women made 10% fewer mistakes

#4: Women improved shift productivity

# 3: Women improved workplace culture

#2: Women tele-callers had 15% higher customer satisfaction scores

#### **#1: Women retained 30% longer on the job**

Benefits to staffing co.

Benefits to

client

Higher revenue from payroll management

Reduced hiring and training costs

What worked Convinced client to provide pick up and drop facilities

...to benefit you in 3 ways

- Build reputation and trust with clients by publishing case studies externally
- Document benefits of hiring women to win more gender mandates
- Build a gender-inclusive culture at the firm

### 7 **Document profitable gender mandates:** Illustrative case studies

Illustrative

	Won new business	Rewarded by client	Retention of associates
Situation	We won a mandate for 1500 female associates to work in an electric vehicle manufacturing company	Client wanted to place 2000 women in retail stores (3 mandates across 6 cities)	We wanted to reduce attrition in the picker-packer roles
Complication	<ul> <li>The mandate was for a peri-urban area</li> <li>The client wanted women to work rotational shifts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10 AM to 10 PM shifts</li> <li>Strict filters (e.g., prior experience)</li> <li>2000 women candidates with relevant profiles</li> </ul>	Previously, average person lasted only 4-6 weeks
Solution	<ul> <li>Infrastructure: Asked the client to provide transport facilities and hostels for migrant women</li> <li>Sourcing: Asked the client to source women through referrals, women's WhatsApp groups, and NGO and Anganwadi connect</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identified the right segment of women</li> <li>Focused on benefits such as ESIC/ crèche</li> <li>Helped client relax criteria (e.g., 12<sup>th</sup>-pass)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased the number of women in 2 shifts for the picker-packer roles</li> <li>Prompted clients to provide facilities such as drop off services till main bus stop</li> </ul>
Benefits	<ul> <li>New client relation</li> <li>Headcount increased by xx</li> <li>Revenue increase by INR xx</li> <li>Built/ expanded a network of female candidates</li> </ul>	Client made us an official diversity partner and gave us a 3-year standing mandate for INR xx	<ul> <li>Reduced training and onboarding costs for clients</li> <li>Increased payroll management revenue by INR xxx</li> </ul>

## Evaluate the business benefits of gender diversity

#### Process

A Collect payroll data for 12 months

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- B Clean the data (e.g., removing extra spaces, blanks and duplicates, checking the data for formatting and usability)
- C Analyse the differences in men's and women's performance on metrics such as early attrition, overall tenure, sourcing costs
- D Calculate the impact of the performance gap on the revenues and costs
- E Share the findings internally (and externally)

### Data needed

- Unique employee ID
- Gender
- Industry
- Staffing type
- Employment period
- Status of employment (e.g., Active, Resigned)
- Region where the associate is working
- Associate's CTC
- Loss of pay
- Over time
- Employee benefits (e.g., PF, ESIC)
- Bill amount charged to clients
- Per-person placement fee earned
- Per-person payroll management fee earned

### Are you interested?

## Discuss gender ratio in leadership meetings

Preliminary

## Measure the gender diversity ratio for internal employees and payroll associates

- Collect gender diversity data for internal employees and associates on payroll
- [Optional] Set a company-wide gender diversity target for internal employees and associates on payroll
- [Optional] Allocate a gender diversity target for internal employees and associates on payroll

## Discuss the gender diversity ratio for employees and associates during leadership meetings

- Ask 5 questions to leaders
  - [Optional] Are you on track to meet your diversity target?
  - [Optional] What challenges are you facing in meeting your diversity target?
  - What interventions have you tried in the past month to increase female payrolls?
  - What new intervention do you plan to try this month to increase female payrolls?
  - What support do you need from us?
- Summarize key interventions that recruitment managers will pilot in the month



# Set gender KPIs: 2 options for KPIs for recruiters

	Name of gender KPI for recruiters	Description of KPIs	Revise KPIs after 6 months
A	Minimum female payrolls in a quarter	Payroll at least 1 woman a quarter, otherwise bonus is withheld	Reduce period to 1 female payroll a month
C	Bonus per female payroll per month	Pay INR 50 for each female candidate payrolled above 3 each month	Increase threshold <sup>1</sup> to 5 women a month

Phase out voucher scheme and gradually replace with gender KPIs

1. Threshold is the minimum number of women recruited per recruiter to be eligible for the bonus

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# Set gender KPIs:

## Minimum female payrolls in a quarter

Illustrative

Details	Baseline of KPI (minimum number of women recruited per recruiter)	Recruiter 1	Recruiter 2	Recruiter 3
Number of women recruited <b>per quarter</b> <sup>1</sup>	1 per quarter	5	0	3
Eligik	ole for bonus	$\checkmark$	X	$\checkmark$
Number of women recruited <b>per month</b> <sup>1</sup>	1 per month	5	1	3
Eligible for bonus		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Number of women recruited <b>per month</b> <sup>1</sup>	3 per month	5	4	3
Eligible for bonus		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×

#### Evaluate and update the KPI every 6 months to increase minimum performance

1. Subject to change based on recruiter performance and organisation goals

<sup>108</sup> Set gender KPIs:

#### Bonus per female payroll per month

#	Description	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
1	Minimum number of women recruited to earn bonus <sup>1</sup>	0	3	5
2	# of recruiters above the minimum number <sup>1</sup>	10	10	10
3	Total number of women recruited over the threshold <sup>3</sup> per recruiter <sup>1</sup>	100	70	50
4	Expected pay-out per month (INR) <sup>2</sup>	5,000	3,500	2,500

Evaluate and update the KPI every 6 months to increase the minimum performance

1. Subject to change based on recruiter performance and organisation goals 2. Assuming a payout on INR 50 per recruiter for each female candidate recruited over the threshold limit 3. Threshold is the minimum number of women recruited per recruiter

# <sup>10</sup> Set gender KPIs: Responses to common concerns/ questions from recruiters and managers

#	Common questions	Responses
1	Why should we hire women?	<ul> <li>Placing more women will help the organisation: <ul> <li>Meet our existing mandates for women (e.g., Client1, Client2)</li> <li>Win new business from large, diversity-focused clients (e.g., Client3)</li> </ul> </li> <li>(For managers) Placing women will help you meet your payroll targets due to better retention</li> <li>(For recruiters) Placing women will help you earn incentives</li> <li>Placing women will help you access new talent pools to fill mandates faster</li> </ul>
2	Clients do not want women	<ul> <li>Our clients are asking for women (e.g., Client1, Client2)</li> <li>We plan to pitch for exclusive diversity business</li> </ul>
3	Women do not take up these roles	<ul> <li>Women already form a large part of our key roles, such as retail sales associate and sewing machine operator</li> <li>Many women are also taking up roles in warehousing and manufacturing</li> <li>We plan to place more women in both these kinds of roles</li> </ul>
4	Families do not allow women to work	<ul> <li>~50% of women either work or want to work. If we explain the role well, many of them are able to convince their families as well.</li> <li>We will provide you with FAQs that you can share with candidates and ask them to share and discuss with their family</li> </ul>
5	I do not know where to find women / how to pitch to them	We are investing in building your skills to hire women by organizing monthly training for recruiters to increase the hiring of women

## Initiate a change management program to align vision, strategy and operations (1/2)

#### What is change management?

Change management is the journey of aligning the company's vision, strategy, and operations to position it for growth and future success

# Change management helps the company to:

- Align on a clear 5-year vision
- Make strategically coherent decisions
- Create change and operational plans
   for growth
- Coordinate between major stakeholders
- Proactively solve emerging issues

# Vision, strategy and planning are the 3 interdependent levers for a successful change management journey



## Initiate a change management program to align vision, strategy and operations (2/2)

#### GLOW can support you by:



Conducting a vision-setting workshop with top leaders



Understanding past strategic decisions and making current strategic decisions that are more aligned with the company's vision



Brainstorming actionable plans for all challenges



Tracking leadership progress on key change management projects



Providing necessary support and resources to tackle obstacles

GLOW can also provide custom support for the unique challenges in scaling your business

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#### Share diversity progress

	Initiate diversity journey (Month 1-3)	Document diversity benefits (Month 4-6)	Share diversity progress (Month 6-12)
	1 Build a go-to-market strategy for gender	7 Document profitable gender mandates	12 Publish success stories of diversity mandates
One-time	<ul><li>2 Prioritise gender diversity</li><li>3 Craft a gender-focused BD</li></ul>	8 Evaluate the business benefits of gender diversity	13 Improve retention of women associates
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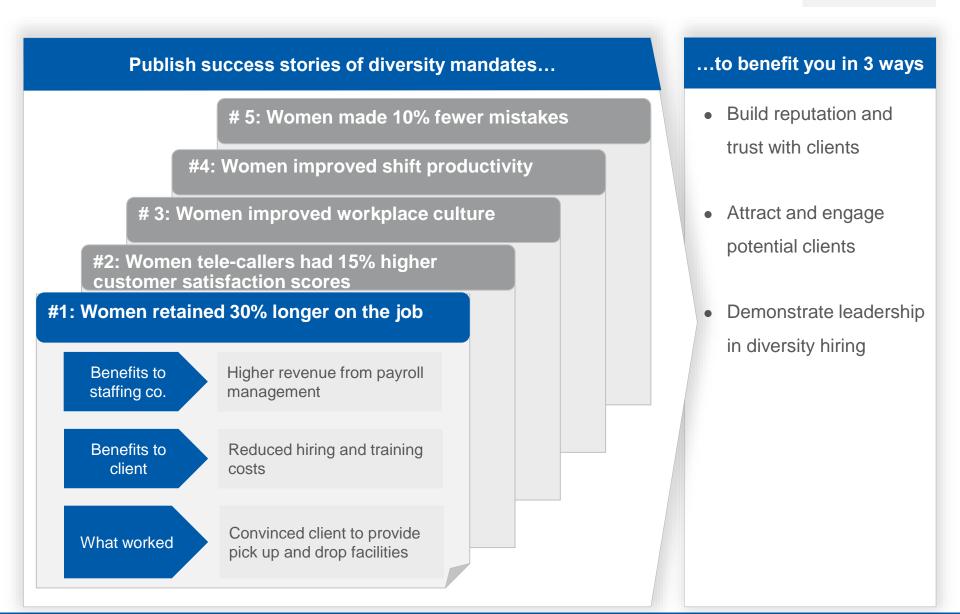
Train the recruitment team to hire women effectively

#### 6 Reward gender-inclusive recruiters

Initiate a change management program to align vision, strategy and operations

# Publish success stories of diversity mandates

Illustrative



# Improve retention of women associates

Preliminary

Challenge	#	Intervention
Associates have low barriers to switch jobs	0	Pay INR 500 bonus to associates when they complete 3 months along with their salary
Clients do not provide adequate training for women	i	The recruiter connects with the associate 2 times in the first 2 week to address onboarding challenges (1 call and 1 WhatsApp)
Clients do not provide a friendly/ safe environment for women		Recruiter shares feedback on female candidate experience/ challenges with clients once a month over call
Client facilities are not suitable for women	iv	Share a minimum infrastructure checklist with clients when staffing women (e.g., separate washroom if >10 female associates, housing facilities)
	V	Run paid hostels for women in locations with >50 female associates, especially for migration to peri-urban / rural areas
Clients lack gender-equitable policies	vi	Negotiate terms (e.g., education qualification, work experience, work hours) with clients

# Publish gender equity scores

# Publish the GERS score or 5 other metrics externally...

**GERS Score**: Score on the Gender Equity Readiness Scorecard developed by FSG specifically for flexi-staffing companies

#### 5 other metrics:

- Total # of women associates on the payroll
- Gender diversity ratio for associates
- Internal gender diversity ratio
- Fulfillment time for female mandates
- # of mandates fulfilled that had >50% women placed

#### ...to benefit you in 3 ways

- Show clients your capability to fulfil large genderbased mandates
- Generate a gender-diverse public image for the company
- Create an atmosphere of gender inclusion within the company

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