Empowering leadership of executive women
Growing evidence shows that corporations led by women are more focused on sustainability. Giving women opportunities in leadership positions can inspire other women to join such companies, driving an increase in inclusivity.

GBF embodies gender-equality across all levels of our organization.

Empowering women entrepreneurs
- To build future economies that are both dynamic and inclusive, we must ensure that everyone has equal opportunity. If women are not integrated as workers, suppliers, clients or shapers, the global communities lose out on skills, ideas and perspectives that are critical for addressing global challenges and harnessing new opportunities.
- GBF invests in women entrepreneurs in Agribusiness, Handcrafted Manufacturing, and Products and Services sectors, in three different regions: Latin America, Asia and Africa. When given the opportunity, women have the power to transform the global economy. Women comprise 45% of the world’s working force, yet are disproportionately affected by poverty. Talented, female entrepreneurs often lack the resources to profit from their skills. By investing in women entrepreneurs, GBF removes this barrier and contributes to reducing gender inequality across the developing world.

Empowering low income stakeholders
GBF is proud to be involved with several investees that support women in countries that have historically disadvantaged women in the workforce. With GBF’s help, these companies implement environmental and labor practices that improve women’s work conditions.

Over the past seven years, GBF’s investees have delivered an estimated $141 million of income and savings to 1.7 million women worldwide.

Share of women impacted by sector
- Agribusiness (income) 33%
- Handcrafted manufacturing (income) 58%
- Products and Services (Savings) 50%

Villa Andina (VA), an agribusiness in Peru, offers fixed prices to smallholder farmers in its supply chain protecting them from price drops in times of overproduction. By selling organic mango to VA and earning a fair and sustainable income, Deysi has been able to provide higher education to her kids and improve her home. VA sources from over 1,100 female farmers, 50% of the company’s supply chain.

With the help of Jaipur Rugs, a GBF investee in India, Rahmat overcame community resistance to become an artisan using her earnings to support her and her sister’s education while paving the way for future female artisans. Jaipur Rugs, an Indian handmade rug company, employs over 21,000 female artisans, 65% of the company’s workforce.