Millions of Women Support their families with "Informal Sector" work like this
Possible changes: assessment on an ongoing basis, the impact of policies on women in order to identify the need for:

- Social security
- Marketing assistance
- Credit facilities
- Training, education and extension services

Provide women with support services through innovative means, for example:

- Development of a conducive environment that will allow small producers, particularly women, to be competitive in domestic and international markets.

- Effective implementation of programs designed to improve the condition of women workers who are ordinarily women in this sector.

- Encourage policy makers and planners to take into account the importance of the informal sector and the central role of women in this sector.

- Innovation, diversification of activities for women, productivity levels, innovative technologies, etc.

- Research different aspects of the informal sector at macro/micro levels, such as credit utilization, price levels, etc.

- Improve the collection and utilization of gender-disaggregated data and develop more analytical guidelines drawn up at an INSTRAW consultation meeting on women's participation in the informal sector.

Excerpts from Guidelines Drawn up at an INSTRAW Consultative Meeting on Women in the Informal Sector.

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The informal sector of labor for activities outside the formal economy. But since those informal-economic activities make a significant contribution to the productive source of labor for women outside the formal economy, it is crucial that the informal economy be recognized, and that its resources, in many respects, are documented and evaluated. Information is important, however, point to the increased feminization of the informal sector. Women are becoming a significant proportion of the economic activity. Even though the importance of women workers in informal economic activities is well recognized, many studies have yet to disaggregate data by gender.