Feminist AI:

Investing in Inclusive Technology for Equality Outcomes

Feminist AI

Pro-social AI co-created with communities

designed with inclusion at its core.

Creating **new opportunities** and **innovative corrections**

to existing inequities.

Funding Problem = Innovation Crisis

Venture Capital to Female Founders

2% (2023) → 1% (2024)

International Patents filed Solo Female Inventors

13%

Catalyzing Feminist Innovation Ecosystems

- **Direct funding pools**: Create dedicated investment funds specifically for Feminist AI
- **Innovation incubators**: Establish specialized accelerators focused on feminist technology
- **Cross-disciplinary research networks**: Fund collaborative platforms where technologists work alongside social scientists, ethicists, and community representatives
- **Open innovation challenges**: Launch public competitions with substantial rewards for feminist solutions to pressing global challenges

Harnessing AI for Equality Outcomes

- **Gender-responsive data collection**: Mandate balanced, representative datasets that accurately reflect diverse populations
- **Participatory design**: Fund research methodologies that center affected communities in the design process
- **Intersectional testing**: Require rigorous pre-release testing for biases across multiple dimensions of identity
- **Transparent documentation**: Support standardized impact assessments that make gender considerations visible

Procurement as Transformative Leverage

The UN and public sector possess **extraordinary leverage** through procurement that remains largely **untapped**:

- Public sector procurement represents approximately 30% of GDP in developing countries

- **UN procurement alone exceeds $19 billion annually**

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Call to Action

1. Establish mandatory **gender impact assessments** for all UN-procured digital technologies
2. Deploy **preferential procurement targets** for technologies developed through feminist principles
3. Create **dedicated funding mechanisms** specifically for Feminist AI ventures
4. Leverage the UN's convening power to **standardize feminist AI certification frameworks**

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AI & Equality Community
https://aiequalitytoolbox.com/

<A+> Alliance for Inclusive Algorithms
https://aplusalliance.org/

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