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Information and communication technologies (ICTs) increasingly promoted as a key solution for comprehensive development, poverty eradication and empowerment of disadvantaged groups, such as women and minorities in the world. ICT-based initiatives have been hailed as “potential goldmines” for women’s empowerment. However, research and experience show that to be successful, the initiatives must balance the need to overcome structural barriers to women’s advancement with sensitivity to the limited space within which many women in the world navigate. In this paper, we comparatively analyzed the ICT-based initiatives in terms of gender empowerment, drawing upon two empowerment initiatives from two developing countries (India and Egypt) as case studies to compare the gender empowerment status through such ICT-based initiatives in both the