Title of the Activity	Failure Celebration Circle
Partner	Connect International
EmpowerHER Competence Framework reference	2.Driving Progress: Creativity and Innovation
Competences	This activity builds the following competences within the module: - Capacity to create psychologically safe spaces that encourage experimentation and risk-taking - Openness to failure as a natural part of the learning and innovation process - Greater empathy toward the emotional dimensions of entrepreneurship - Confidence in using creative facilitation methods to support personal growth
Format	In person
Target Group	Young women aged 16–21, especially those who struggle with perfectionism, fear of failure, or low confidence. Ideal for beginners in entrepreneurship, mixed-experience groups, and youth from marginalized or rural backgrounds.
Duration	45-60 minutes
Materials & Tools Needed	- “Failure trophies” (funny objects like socks, spoons, paper crowns) - Talking stick or soft ball for turn-taking - Music playlist for energizing or calming background - Flipchart paper and markers (optional for reflection notes) - Comfortable seating in a circle
Methodology	Introduction (10 min) - Welcome participants and introduce the theme: “Failure isn’t the opposite of success—it’s part of it.” - Share a short story of a famous female entrepreneur who failed before succeeding - Explain the activity: a safe, supportive space to share personal stories of things that didn’t go as planned Main Task (30–40 min) - Participants sit in a circle and take turns sharing a “failure moment” from their life, school, or creative process - Each story is met with applause and the awarding of a silly “failure trophy” - Facilitators model vulnerability by sharing their own story first - Optional: Write down lessons learned on a shared flipchart or “Wall of Wisdom” Presentation (optional) - No formal presentation required

	- If time allows, participants can pair up and create a short skit or drawing that represents their story in a humorous or symbolic way
Reflection & Evaluation	- How did it feel to share your story in a supportive space? - What did you learn from someone else's experience? - Did this activity change how you view failure? - How could you apply this mindset in your future projects or ideas? - What would you tell someone who's afraid to try because they might fail?
Resources	- EmpowerHER Resource Bank – for stories of resilience and growth - Portrait e-booklet – for prompts on identity and emotional reflection - Optional: Playlist of empowering songs (e.g. "Rise Up" by Andra Day, "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten) - Printable "Failure Trophy" certificates or stickers