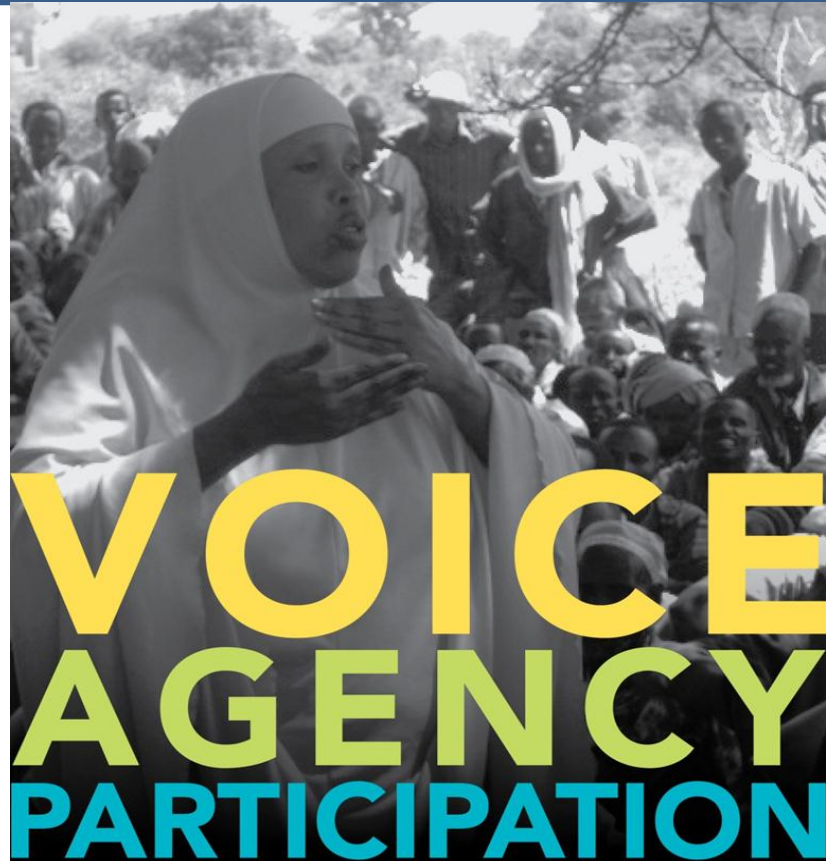


Consultation on Women's Voice, Agency and Participation

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Outline



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 - Monitoring
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World Development Report 2012: Gender and Development

Progress over the past 30 years

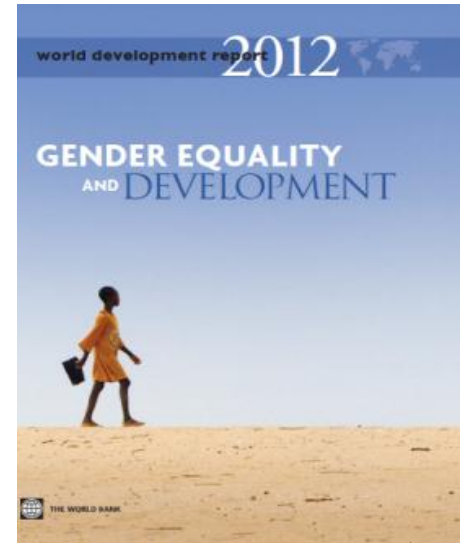
- Gender gaps in primary schools have closed in many countries, and globally more women are at university than men
- Women are living longer than men
- Over half a billion women joined the workforce

BUT Persistent gender inequalities

- No region is on track to meet MDG5, to cut maternal mortality by 3/4
- Nearly 4 million missing women, annually
- Men's landholdings are almost three times the size of women's
- Wage gaps of 20% on average, and very low labor force participation in some regions and countries

AND Least progress in expanding women's voice and agency

- 510 million women will be abused by their partner in their lifetime
- The share of women parliamentarians is still only 1/5



Concepts of agency

Capability approach

- the ability to pursue goals that one values and has reason to value (Sen 1990); an agent is “someone who acts and brings about change” (Sen 1999).

WDR2012

- the ability to use endowments to take advantage of opportunities to achieve desired outcomes

→Voice, agency & participation

- Concern is with both *processes* (intrinsic) and *outcomes* (instrumental)
- Given operational focus, our interest is in ‘expressions’ of agency with the most policy and programmatic value

Adding value

1. Deepen WDR2012 evidence base

- National and cross-country analyses of unexploited data
- Extracting lessons from systematic evaluations
- Selected case studies

2. Deliver policy relevant conclusions

- Key lessons about what works, what does not, and promising directions

3. Inform WBG and partners' operations and modalities

- Explore options to better integrate into Bank analysis, dialogue, operations and monitoring
- Identify how WBG can support other development partners in areas of strategic advantage

Ongoing analytical work

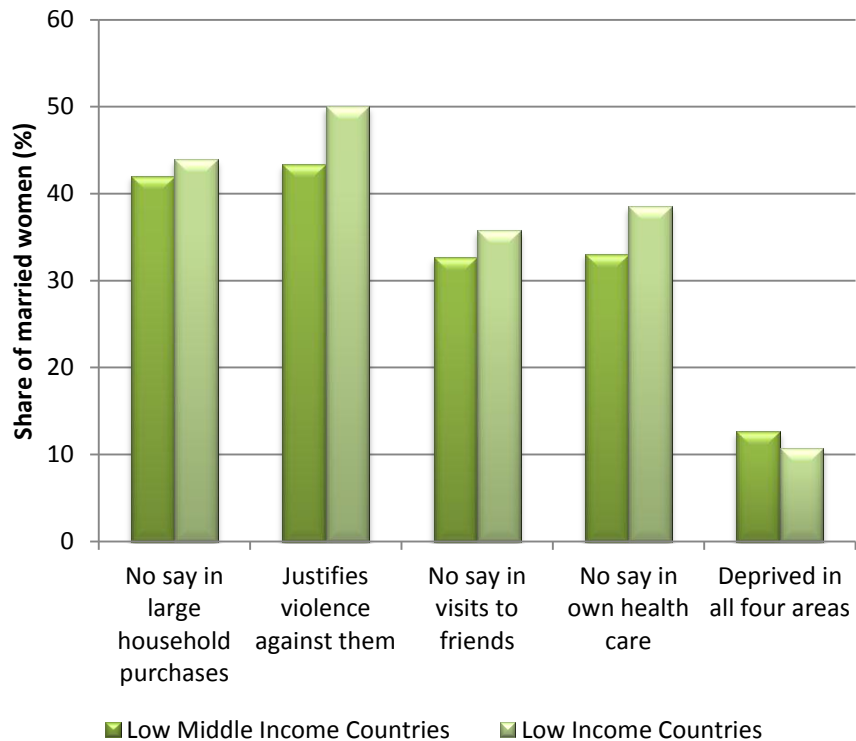
1. 'Overlapping disadvantage' and multiple agency deprivations in Demographic Health Survey data for 50+ countries
2. Agency and outcomes among boys and girls (Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys and Young Lives) for 20+ countries.
3. Male and female perceptions, and perceptions of women's status, Gallup World Poll for 130+ countries

Focus: five 'expressions' of agency...

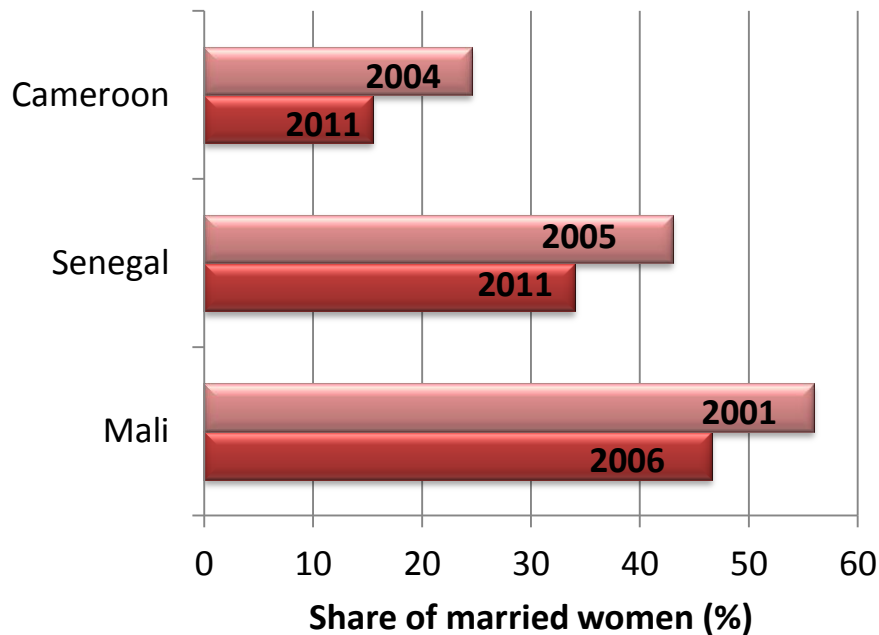
- Freedom from the **risk of violence** (GBV)
- Access to and control over **property** (land)
- Freedom of **movement** (localized)
- Decision-making over **family formation** (family planning, marriage & divorce, children)
- Ability to have **voice in society and influence policy** (political and community participation)

Some preliminary snapshots

Large shares of women lack agency in key areas

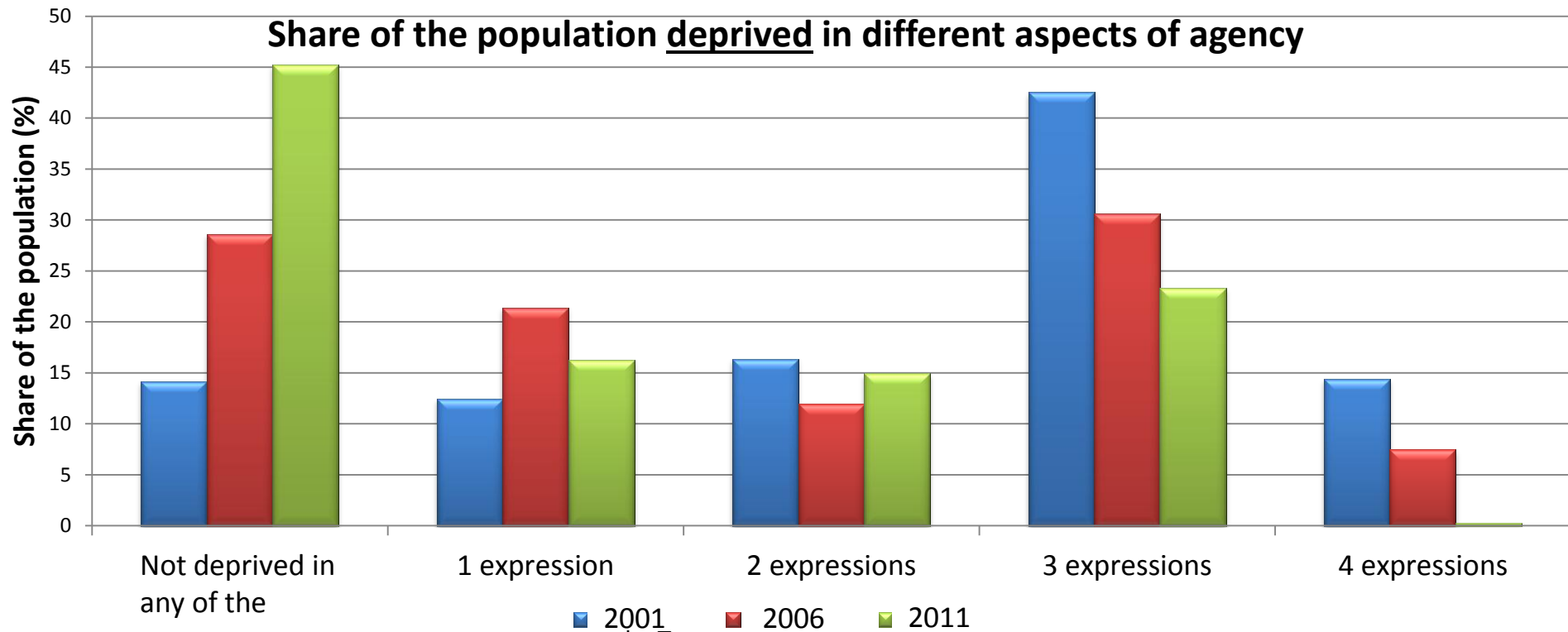


Falling share of women deprived in all four areas of agency

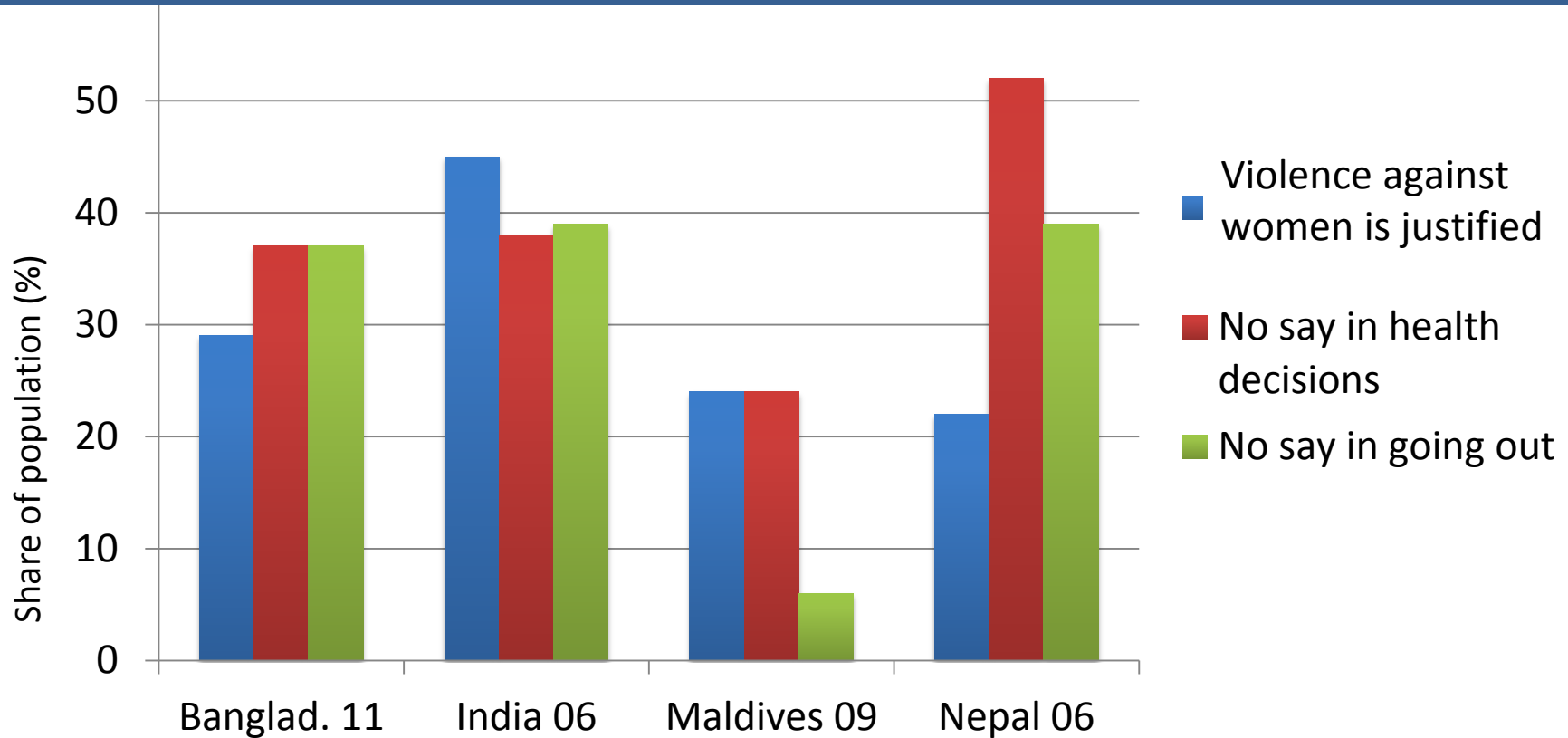


Source: DHS

Trends in reported agency in Nepal



Snapshots on agency in South Asia



Freedom from violence

Proposed value added

- Insights into GBV as development issue *and* human rights violation
- Greater understanding of how to cost GBV in developing settings
- Promising policy and programmatic options
- Multi-sectoral toolkit to guide GBV mainstreaming in operations

Approach – building on 2013 Commission on the Status of Women

1. Complementary analytical work:
 - State of the evidence review of interventions to prevent and address GBV
 - Review and advance knowledge of costs and consequences of GBV
 - Evaluate international conventions, national laws, and implementation issues
2. Case studies, including connections between political mobilization and programmatic responses to GBV in India
3. Empirical work on attitudes towards GBV, and on patterns, correlates and effects of GBV exposure

Partners

- UN Women; ODI (case studies on GBV); GWU Global Women's Institute; Oxfam India (and expanding!)

Access to and control over land

Proposed value added

- Assess potentially transformative impacts of land
- Explore reforms that boost women's access and control (titling and beyond) in urban and rural settings
- Identify promising approaches to tackle discriminatory norms
- Guidance on indicators and data (what *ought* to be collected)

Approach

1. Background papers on land – rural and urban – including review of experience of interventions
2. Empirical analysis on patterns of ownership and linkages to other wellbeing outcomes

Partners

- Potentially: AGRA, FAO, Global Land Tools Network, Huairou Commission, IFAD, IFPRI, Landesa

Freedom of movement

Proposed value added

- Explore determinants of freedom of movement – highlighting regional and country differences – and key barriers
- Promising directions to enable local mobility

Approach

1. Country case study on constraints to local mobility. – Afghanistan.
2. Empirical analysis of patterns, correlates and impact of inability to move freely

Partners KNOMAD

Decision making over family formation

Proposed value added

- Review of evidence on sexual and reproductive health (RH) services as entry point for GBV prevention
- Identify promising interventions to improve RH outcomes (agency, service delivery, accountability)

Approach

1. Background papers on (1) closing the gap between knowledge & action and (2) review of operations & policies to build agency via RH channels
2. Case studies in Niger and Chad
3. Analysis of constraints to household decision-making

Partners - Women Deliver

Voice in society and Influence policy

Proposed value added

- Advance knowledge of benefits of increasing women's voice – for themselves, their families and communities
- Review implications for Bank operations and M&E

Approach

1. Background papers by National Democratic Institute on national level participation of women, and on local level participation
2. Link to work on social accountability, building on insights from Community Driven Development
3. Case studies:
 1. India, link between women's political participation and GBV
 2. Indonesia, determinants of women's political participation (including why quotas haven't had intended effects)
4. Empirical work on levels and trends in decision-making, including at household level.

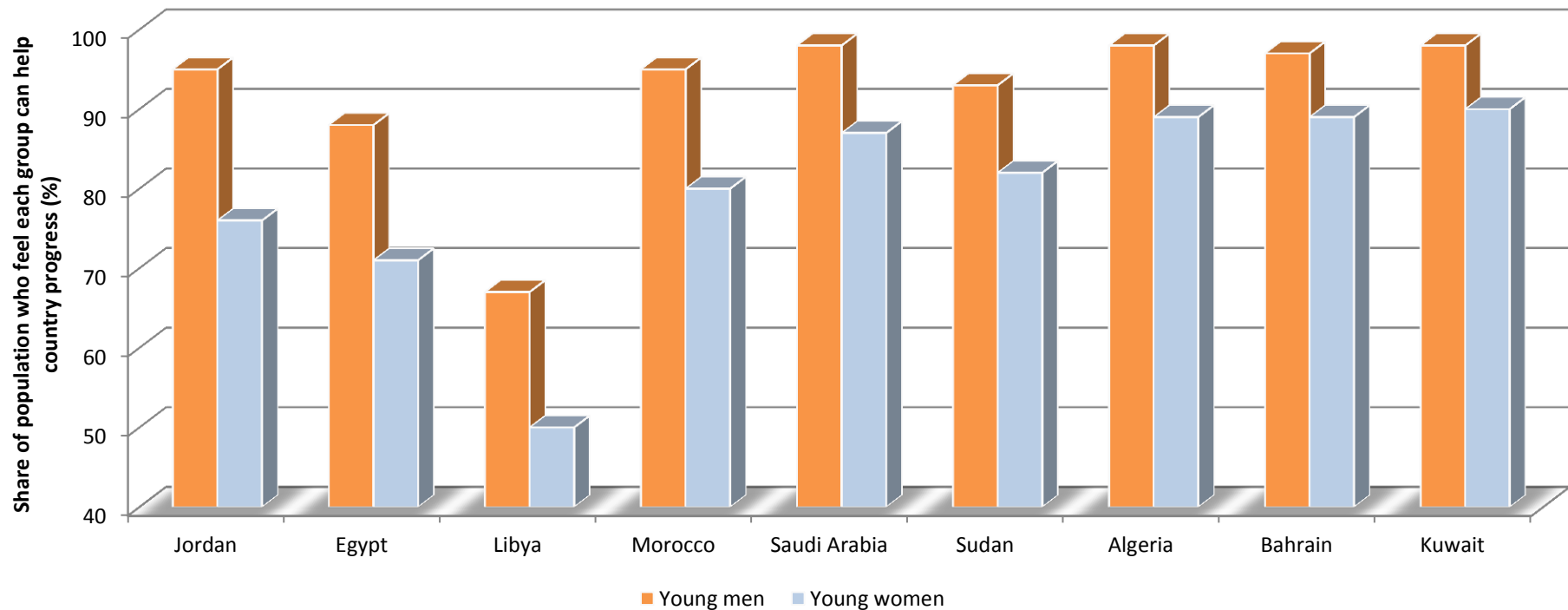
Partners - Social Development Network; World Bank Institute (?)
- NDI, ODI, "I Know Politics", Equal Futures Partnership

Cross-cutting issues: Diagnostics

- Inter-relations between structures, politics and agency
- Interactions of agency with endowments and economic opportunities
 - Overlapping disadvantage (*gender, age, health, income poverty, place of residence, ethnicity*)
- Importance of social and cultural norms
- Conflict and state fragility

Preliminary snapshots of the data – pervasive social norms

In several countries, people feel young men have more to contribute to progress than young women...



Cross-cutting issues: Institutions and technology

- Legal systems and institutions (government, religious, private sector)
- Collective action (women's movements, civil society)
- Potential of new technologies (social media and ICTs)

Cross-cutting issues: Indicators and monitoring

- Paucity of gender-relevant data on agency (e.g., on decision-making, intra-household allocation of resources, GBV surveillance, local participation)

Build on recent progress:

- UN Inter-agency and Expert Group identified 52 core gender indicators, several on voice
- UN guidance on collecting statistics on GBV

The report will:

- Take stock of data sources on agency, ongoing efforts and key gaps
- Recommend typology of indicators on voice and agency and associated determinants for country monitoring and Bank operations

Expected timeline and selected milestones

WBG & other key dates

WBG Law, Justice and Development Week

2012

2013

2014

UN/MDG – Meeting of high-level panel on Post-2015 WBG SDN Week

WBG Spring Meetings

UN/MDG – Launch report of high-level panel on Post-2015

UN GA MDG summit

WBG Annual Meetings

WBG Spring Meetings

Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Sept Oct Apr

Advisory Council Meeting, Stockholm

Conference on Gender and Land, Utrecht

UN CSW Consultation and GBV costing side events

1st meeting of Technical Advisory Group

Advisory Council Meeting

WBG Annual Land Conference consultation

Women Deliver Conference consultation

WBG Exiting Fragility Conference Consultation

GENDERNET OECD/DAC consultation

South Asia region-wide event on violence, Nepal

1st Online consultation via AlertNet

HDCA Nicaragua consultation

Clinton Global Initiative consultation

2nd Online consultation via AlertNet

Joint Symposium with GWU on GBV

2nd meeting of Technical Advisory Group

LAUNCH REPORT

VAP report – key dates

Report consultations are in GREEN

Questions for Discussion

- Critical knowledge gaps?
- Value-added?
- Interesting case studies or evidence?

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