



WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW

Women, Business and the Law 2021 measures laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunity in 190 economies. Amidst a global pandemic that threatens progress toward gender equality, the report **identifies barriers** to women's economic participation and **encourages reform** of discriminatory laws. This year, the study also includes important findings on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis and pilot research related to childcare and women's access to justice.

This **dissemination toolkit** offers resources for donors, citizens, policymakers, international and local experts, donors, partners, and civil society organizations seeking to embed *Women, Business and the Law* findings into their work. Reforms that unleash economic opportunities for women can also increase **shared prosperity for all**.



1500+ LEGAL REFORMS



190 ECONOMIES



50 YEARS OF DATA



08 INDICATORS



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**WOMEN HAVE JUST 3/4 OF
THE LEGAL RIGHTS AFFORDED
TO MEN ON AVERAGE ACROSS
190 ECONOMIES**

**#WomenBizLaw
#Get2Equal**

Read more on legal barriers to
women's economic participation
and needed legal reforms



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ECONOMIES ACROSS **ALL REGIONS MADE PROGRESS TOWARD GENDER EQUALITY** OVER THE LAST **50 YEARS**, BUT AT DIFFERENT RATES

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WBL INDEX SCORE (0-100)

1971 ► 2021

OECD high income	55	95
Europe & Central Asia	57	83
Latin America & Caribbean	49	80
East Asia & Pacific	48	72
Sub-Saharan Africa	38	71
South Asia	44	64
Middle East & North Africa	31	52



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THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA AND OECD HIGH-INCOME ECONOMIES **IMPROVED THEIR GENDER EQUALITY LAWS THE MOST** IN 2019/2020

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Reports that analyze laws and regulations affecting women's economic opportunity

Economy snapshots containing data by indicator, areas of improvement, and indicator scores

Data from 1971 to 2021 for 190 economies

Webinar series on how eight areas of the law affect women's economic opportunities

Summary presentation on key findings of 2021 report

★ HELP US TO RAISE AWARENESS

Disseminating findings is instrumental to raising awareness about the importance of legal reform to address gender disparities and influence policy change. Help us spread the word!

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