











# Djibouti

WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score	WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score	WBL 2.0 expert opinions score
<b>50.0</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>58.1</b>

*Women, Business and the Law 2024* (WBL 2024) identifies barriers for women’s economic empowerment in three areas: women’s legal rights, policy instruments designed to support the implementation of these rights, and how these rights are realized in practice. For that purpose, three new *Women, Business and the Law 2.0* indexes are presented for ten indicators: (1) legal frameworks, (2) supportive frameworks, and (3) expert opinions. For the WBL 2.0 legal frameworks index, 40 questions are scored across the ten indicators for 190 economies. For the WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks index, 30 questions are scored across the ten indicators for 190 economies. Overall economy level legal and supportive frameworks scores are then calculated by taking the average of each indicator, with 100 representing the highest possible score. The WBL 2.0 expert opinions index is created for a total of 164 economies. Expert opinion scores are not available for 26 economies due to an insufficient number of responses received from those economies during data collection. Individual responses at the economy level for 15 expert opinions questions across the ten indicators are scored by taking the median value of all responses per question. The economy level expert opinions index is equal to the simple unweighted average of the ten indicator scores.

For Djibouti, data refer to the legal frameworks, supportive frameworks, and expert opinions that are applicable to the main business city (Djibouti Ville). The scores for Djibouti are shown in the table below.

## Women, Business and the Law 2024 2.0 indicator scores

										
WBL 2.0	Safety	Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parenthood	Childcare	Entrepreneurship	Assets	Pension
Legal frameworks score	25.0	100.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	75.0	25.0	50.0	25.0	100.0
Supportive frameworks score	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0
Expert opinions score	25.0	75.0	50.0	56.3	25.0	100.0	25.0	75.0	75.0	75.0

In summary, the **WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score** for Djibouti (50.0 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (64.2) and higher than the Middle East & North Africa regional average (38.6). When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement and laws affecting the size of a woman's pension, Djibouti obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Djibouti is on the indicator measuring constraints related to marriage. To improve on the Marriage indicator, Djibouti may wish to consider allowing women to be head of household in the same way as men, no longer requiring a married woman to obey her husband, allowing women to obtain a divorce in the same way as a man and giving women the same rights to remarry as men.

The **WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score** for Djibouti (26.7 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (39.5) and higher than the Middle East & North Africa regional average (24.9). When it comes to supportive frameworks affecting freedom of movement, Djibouti obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Djibouti is on the indicator measuring supportive frameworks affecting women's safety. To improve on the Safety indicator,

Djibouti may wish to consider developing comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women, putting in place special procedures for cases of sexual harassment, designating a government entity responsible for the monitoring and implementation of national services, plans and programmes addressing violence against women, providing an annual budgetary allocation towards violence against women risk mitigation and prevention and response programs.

The **WBL 2.0 expert opinions score** for Djibouti (58.1 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (65.7) and lower than the Middle East & North Africa regional average (66.0). When it comes to expert opinions on women's work after having children, Djibouti obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Djibouti is on the indicator measuring expert opinions on women's safety.

## WBL 2.0 legal frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
<b>Safety</b>		
Is there legislation on domestic violence?	Yes	Loi N° 66/AN/719/8ème L portant protection, prévention et prise en charge des femmes et enfants victimes de violence, Art. 3; Code Pénal, Arts. 325(4), 329, 332, 335, 336 and 343; Code Civil, Arts. 645-649
Is there legislation on femicide?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Is there comprehensive legislation on sexual harassment?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Is there legislation on child marriage?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Mobility</b>		
Can a woman travel internationally in the same way as a man?	Yes	Décret portant sur la mise en circulation de passeport ordinaire biométrique
Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Do women and men have equal rights to confer citizenship to their spouses and their children?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 30, 34, 39 and 40
<b>Workplace</b>		
Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 3
Does the law prohibit discrimination in recruitment based on marital status, parental status, and age?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law allow employees to request flexible work?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Pay</b>		
Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Yes	Code du Travail, Arts. 136 et 137
Can a woman work at night in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Can a woman work in an industrial job in the same way as a man?	No	Code du Travail, Art. 111
Can a woman work in a job deemed dangerous in the same way as a man?	No	Code du Travail, Art. 112
<b>Marriage</b>		
Can a woman be "head of household" or "head of family" in the same way as a man?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 31
Is the law free of legal provisions that require a married woman to obey her husband?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 31
Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 39
Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	No	Code de la famille, Arts. 42-44
<b>Parenthood</b>		
Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 113

Are leave benefits for mothers paid solely by the government?	No	Code du Travail, Art. 113
Is there paid leave available to fathers?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 100(f)
Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 114
<b>Childcare</b>		
Does the law establish provision of childcare services in center-based settings?	Yes	Décret d'application N° 2019-269/PR/MFF, Arts. 2 et 22; Loi n°31/AN/18/8ème L, Arts. 1 et 5
Does the law establish any form of support to families for childcare services?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish any form of support to non-state childcare providers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish quality standards for the provision of childcare services in center-based settings?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>		
Can a woman undertake entrepreneurial activities in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Code Pénal, Arts. 390 et 391
Does the law prescribe a gender quota on corporate boards?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law include gender-sensitive procurement provisions for public procurement processes?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
<b>Assets</b>		
Do men and women have equal administrative power and ownership rights to immovable property, including land?	Yes	Code de la famille, Art. 32; Constitution, Arts. 1 and 12; Organization of Landed Property Ownership (Amendment) 2018, Art. 18
Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets from their parents?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 115
Do male and female surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	No	Code de la famille, Arts. 113 et 114
Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	No	Code de la famille, Art. 32
<b>Pension</b>		
Are the ages at which men and women can retire with full pension benefits equal?	Yes	Loi No. 17/AN/8/6ème L portant modification de l'âge de départ. à la retraite, Art. 1
Are the ages at which men and women can retire with partial pension benefits equal?	Yes	Loi No. 17/AN/8/6ème L portant modification de l'âge de départ à la retraite, Arts. 3 et 4; Décret no. 2015-060/PR/MTRA, Art. 1
Is the mandatory retirement age for men and women equal?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
Are periods of absence due to childcare accounted for in pension benefits?	Yes	Loi No. 154/AN/02/4ème L portant codification du fonctionnement de l'OPS et du régime général de retraite des travailleurs salariés, Art. 53

## WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
<b>Safety</b>		
Has the government developed comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are there special procedures for cases of sexual harassment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a government entity responsible for the monitoring and implementation of national services, plans and programmes addressing violence against women?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there an annual budgetary allocation towards violence against women risk mitigation, prevention and response programs?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Mobility</b>		

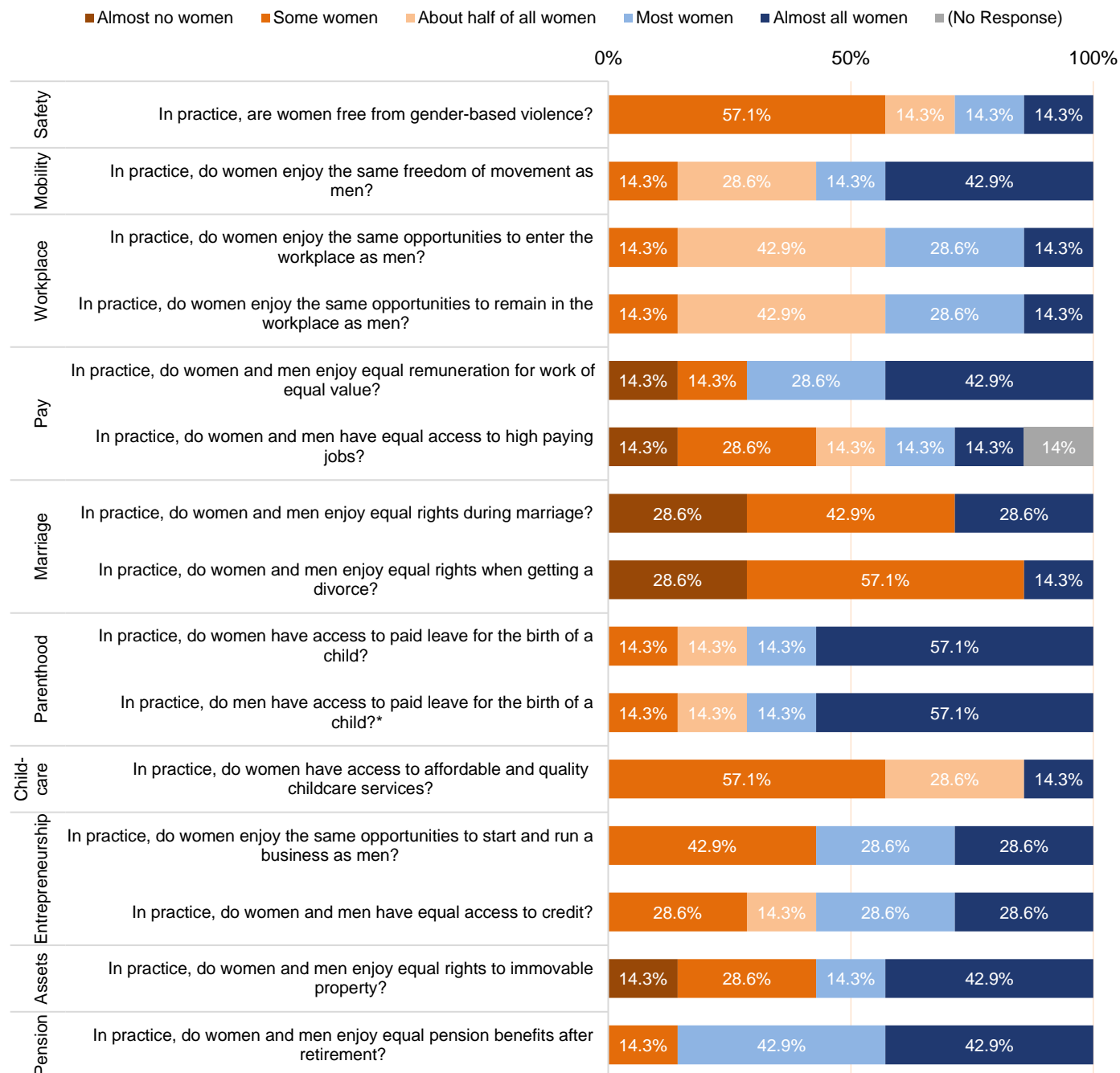
Are passport application processes the same for women and men?	Yes	Passport application procedures
Are the application processes for official identity documents the same for women and men?	Yes	ID application procedures
Is there a current policy or plan that explicitly considers the specific mobility needs of women in public transportation?	Yes	National Development Plan 2020-2024
<b>Workplace</b>		
Has the government published guidelines on non-discrimination based on gender in recruitment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published guidelines on flexible work arrangements?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a specialized body that receives complaints about gender discrimination in employment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Pay</b>		
Are there pay transparency measures or enforcement mechanisms to address the gender pay gap?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is sex-disaggregated data on employment in different industries or sectors published at least on an annual basis?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Marriage</b>		
Is there a fast-track process or procedure for family law disputes?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are there specialized family courts?	Yes	Personal Status Tribunal
Is legal aid available for family law disputes?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Parenthood</b>		
Is it possible to apply for maternity benefits through a single government application process?	Yes	Website of la Caisse Nationale de sécurité sociale, "Allocation de Maternité"
Are incentives in place to encourage fathers to take paternity leave on the birth of a child?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has sex-disaggregated data on unpaid care work been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Childcare</b>		
Is there a publicly available registry or database of childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by parents?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by non-state childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published any reports on quality of childcare services within the last 3 years?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Entrepreneurship</b>		
Is sex-disaggregated data on business activities, entrepreneurship, or women-owned businesses published on a regular basis?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are there government-led programs that provide support to female entrepreneurs such as access to finance or regarding agency and empowerment?	Yes	Women and Youth Entrepreneurship Project; Center of Leadership and Entrepreneurship
Is there a current national government plan or strategy with a focus on women's access to financial services?	Yes	National Development Plan (2020-2024); National Strategy of Financial Inclusion (2022-2027)
<b>Assets</b>		
Are there mechanisms or incentives to encourage women to register immovable property?	Yes	Organization of Landed Property Ownership, Arts. 18, 19 and 58; Family Code, Art. 32
Are there awareness measures in place to improve women's access to information about marital and inheritance rights?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is anonymized sex-disaggregated data on property ownership published on a regular basis?	No	Insufficient evidence located
<b>Pension</b>		



Are there incentives in place to increase women's retirement benefits?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a procedure in place for pension beneficiaries to challenge the decisions of the competent authority regarding their benefits?	No	Insufficient evidence located

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## WBL 2.0 distribution of expert opinion responses



\*Note: The response options for the second Parenthood question above are formatted as almost no men, some men, about half of all men, most men, almost all men.