

«Survey_Economy»

Dear «FirstName» «LastName»,

We invite you to contribute to *Women, Business and the Law 2022* by filling out our questionnaire on family law in «Survey_Economy». [Women, Business and the Law](#) measures equality of economic opportunity for men and women by examining the laws and regulations that affect women's entrepreneurship and employment.

Our latest study, [Women, Business and the Law 2021](#), was released on February 23 to widespread acclaim, with over 600 media mentions and more than 30,000 downloads in the first month, giving great exposure to our local experts. *Women, Business and the Law* is also active on social media, with over 60,000 fans on [Facebook](#).

To further our understanding of the legal environment in «Survey_Economy», we would be honored to benefit from your expertise for our family law questionnaire, which examines laws affecting women's agency, mobility, and access to property. We are particularly interested in reforms that have been passed since **October 2, 2020**. Your pro-bono contribution will be acknowledged on the World Bank Group's *Women, Business and the Law* [website](#) and in the electronic edition of the study.

The published data is based on an analysis of all responses completed for your economy and our team's assessment of the applicable laws and regulations. As such, responses from professionals like yourself are essential to ensure the quality and accuracy of the data we collect and analyze. Your participation could influence future policy making in your economy and in others eager to learn about good practices and successful reforms. Furthermore, by participating you will join the project's growing global network of more than 10,000 experts.

Please return the completed questionnaire to WBLfamily@worldbank.org. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us using the information provided below. Thank you for your continued support of *Women, Business and the Law* and the work of the World Bank Group. We look forward to emailing you your World Bank Group certificate of appreciation after the publication of the study. To receive additional news about our project, please sign up for the *Women, Business and the Law* newsletter [here](#).

Sincerely,

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How to complete this questionnaire

This questionnaire asks whether there have been any reforms to the following areas since **October 2, 2020**:

- Women's legal capacity and mobility
- Marital rights and responsibilities'
- Right to own, acquire, and administer marital goods
- Inheritance rights of sons/daughters and surviving spouses
- Right to obtain a divorce and remarry
- Financial inclusion
- Nondiscrimination in access to justice and women with disabilities

Assumptions

When answering this questionnaire, please consider the following assumptions for the **woman** in question:

Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resides in «Survey_City» (the economy's main business city) and will remain there for her lifetime.• Has reached the legal age of majority and is capable of making decisions as an adult, is in good health, and has no criminal record.• Is a lawful citizen of «Survey_Economy».
Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is a cisgender, heterosexual woman in a monogamous first marriage registered with the appropriate authorities (de facto marriages and customary unions are not measured).• Is of the same religion as her husband.• Is in a marriage under the rules of the default marital property regime or the most common regime for that jurisdiction, which will not change during the course of the marriage.
Legal System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where the answer differs according to the legal system that applies to the woman (e.g. where different laws govern different groups of people within an economy), please indicate the answer that applies to the majority of the population in «Survey_City».

Questions are meant to capture legal requirements and rights. As such, the questionnaire does not cover social or cultural norms. Answers are based on statutory or codified law for civil law systems, and case law (i.e. law established by judicial decision in cases as binding precedent) for common law systems. Customary law is not taken into account unless it has been codified. The answers are based solely on the letter of the law and not its implementation or practice.

More details about how each question should be answered are available on our methodology page at: <https://wbl.worldbank.org/en/methodology>

1. Reform Update

1.1. Have there been any reforms in the laws and regulations relating to this questionnaire **since October 2, 2020**?

-Click to Select-

a. If yes, please describe:

b. If yes, include a link or [attach](#) a copy of the new legislation or regulation:

c. If yes, please let us know about any relevant court decisions:

1.2. Are you aware of any bills or draft laws relating to this questionnaire?

-Click to Select-

a. If yes, please describe:

b. If yes, include a link or [attach](#) a copy of the draft legislation or regulation:

c. If yes, please let us know about any relevant court decisions:

2. Women’s Legal Capacity and Mobility

Please confirm whether the prefilled answers in this section have remained the same in the period from **October 2, 2020 to October 1, 2021** or whether there have been any reforms that would change the answers or legal bases (i.e. introduction of a new family code or gender equality law, amendment to the family law, repeal of a regulation, etc.). If no changes have occurred, please continue to the next section.-Click to Select-

2.1. Can a woman legally do the following in the same way as a married man? *When considering whether men and women can legally do things in the same way, please consider the following possibilities (this list is suggestive, not exhaustive): (a) whether an additional signature is required (e.g., that of the father, husband, or guardian); (b) whether additional information is required (e.g., providing the name of the father, husband, or guardian); (c) whether additional documentation is required with the form (e.g., a marriage license).*

	Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
Apply for a passport	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_Passport»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_Passport_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Travel outside the country	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_TravelAbroad»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_TravelAbroad_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Choose where to live	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_ChooseMaritalHome»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_ChooseMaritalHome_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Travel outside her home	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_LeaveMaritalHome»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_LeaveMaritalHome_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Sign a binding contract	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_SignContract»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_SignContract_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Register a business	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_RegisterBiz»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_RegisterBiz_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Open a bank account	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_OpenBankAccount»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_OpenBankAccount_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Get a job or pursue a trade or profession	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_GetJob»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_GetJob_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Be designated as “head of household” or “head of family” <i>Note: If the family book upon marriage is issued to only one spouse, that spouse is considered the head of household.</i>	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_HOH»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_HOH_LB»	-Click to Select-	

2.2. Please include any additional comments and links to laws relevant to this section:

3. Property Rights

Please confirm whether the prefilled answers in this section have remained the same in the period from October 2, 2020 to October 1, 2021 or whether there have been any reforms that would change the answers or legal bases (i.e. introduction of a new family code or gender equality law, amendment to the family law, repeal of a regulation, etc.). If no changes have occurred, please continue to the next section. -Click to Select-

Definitions:

- **Separation of property:** all property and/or income acquired by the spouses before they marry, as well as all property acquired during the marriage, remain the separate property of the acquiring spouse. At the time of dissolution, each of the spouses takes ownership of the property he/she owns.

- **Partial community of property:** whereby property and/or income acquired prior to marriage are regarded as the separate property of the acquiring spouse. The property acquired after marriage - except for gifts and inheritance - is regarded as joint property of the couple. That includes:
 - assets; and/or
 - income; and/or
 - the accrued value of any of the above.
 At the time of dissolution, each of the spouses maintains ownership of the property he/she owned prior to marriage, and any property acquired after marriage is divided between the spouses.
- **Full community of property:** all property and/or income brought into the marriage and acquired during the marriage become the joint property of the couple. At the time of dissolution, all property brought into the marriage and acquired during the course of the marriage, with the exception of gifts and inheritance, is divided between the spouses.
- **Deferred full or partial community of property:** property and/or income acquired by the spouses before they marry as well as that acquired during the marriage is kept separate as property of the acquiring spouse. At the time of dissolution, the rules of partial or full community of property apply and the property of both the spouses, with the exception of gifts and inheritance, is divided between them.
- **Immovable property:** immovable assets such as urban land, or residential or commercial buildings. It does not include agricultural land. When assessing whether the law recognizes equal ownership rights over the property, please consider the capacity to own, use, and administer it.

3.1. What is the default marital property regime?

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_DefaultRegime»	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_DefaultRegime_LB»	-Click to Select-	
3.2. If the answer is “No default marital property regime” or “Other,” please describe:			

3.3. Who has the legal right to administer property within marriage? *Please describe the administration of property during the course of the marriage for couples married under the default marital property regime selected above. In answer choice (a) no consent is needed from the other spouse regarding separate property transactions; (b) spouses administer their separate property, but for major transactions need the consent of the other spouse; (c) both spouses have equal rights in joint property administration and transactions; (d) the husband administers all property, including his wife’s separate property if applicable.*

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_PropertyAdministration»	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_PropertyAdministration_LB»	-Click to Select-	
3.4. If “Other,” please describe:			

3.5. Does the law consider non-monetary contributions to the family for the purposes of property division? *This question is designed to measure if, at the time of dissolution of marriage, the division of property accounts for unpaid contributions to the household, including caring for minor children, taking care of the family home, or any other non-monetized contribution.*

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_NonmonetaryContributions»	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_NonmonetaryContributions_LB»	-Click to Select-	

3.6. Do married men and married women have equal ownership rights over immovable property? *This question is designed to measure restrictions on women’s rights to own and administer immovable property, i.e. gender differences in the legal treatment of spousal property, such as granting the husband administrative control of marital property.*

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_RightsImmovables»	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_RightsImmovables_LB»	-Click to Select-	

3.7. Does the law provide equal rights for men and women to inherit assets? *The following questions on inheritance examine gender-based differences in the rules of intestate succession for transfer of property from parents to children and among surviving spouses. When assessing the inheritance rights of surviving spouses, assume that there are no children.*

	Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
Sons and daughters	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_InheritanceChildren»	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_InheritanceChildren_LB»	-Click to Select-	
Male and female surviving spouses	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_InheritanceSpouses»	«wbl_fly_Fam_AM_InheritanceSpouses_LB»	-Click to Select-	

3.8. Please include any additional comments and links to laws relevant to this section:

4. Marriage Rights

Please confirm whether the prefilled answers in this section have remained the same in the period from **October 2, 2020 to October 1, 2021** or whether there have been any reforms that would change the answers or legal bases (i.e. introduction of a new family code or gender equality law, amendment to the family law, repeal of a regulation, etc.). If no changes have occurred, please continue to the next section. -Click to Select-

	Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
4.1. Is a married woman required by law to obey her husband?	«wbl_fly_Fam_MR_Obedience_SurveyFilled»	«wbl_fly_Fam_MR_Obedience_LB»	-Click to Select-	
4.2. Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	«wbl_fly_Fam_R2D_ObtainDivorce»	«wbl_fly_Fam_R2D_ObtainDivorce_LB»	-Click to Select-	
4.3. Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	«wbl_fly_Fam_R2D_Remarry»	«wbl_fly_Fam_R2D_Remarry_LB»	-Click to Select-	

4.4. Please include any additional comments and links to laws relevant to this section:

5. Financial Inclusion

5.1. Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit on the basis of sex or gender?

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_A2F_Gender»	«wbl_fly_Fam_A2F_Gender_LB»	-Click to Select-	

	Answers	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
5.2.a. Are banks or other financial institutions required to submit anonymized sex-disaggregated data as part of their reporting obligations?	-Click to Select-	
5.2.b. If the answer to 5.2.a. is “Yes,” does the requirement include anonymized sex-disaggregated data reporting for individual/retail accounts?	-Click to Select-	
5.2.c. If the answer to 5.2.a is “Yes,” does the requirement include anonymized sex-disaggregated data reporting for	-Click to Select-	

business/commercial accounts (i.e., women-led businesses, men-led businesses, etc.)?		
5.3. Is there a national financial inclusion plan/strategy that promotes women's access to credit?	-Click to Select-	

5.4. Please include any additional comments and links to laws relevant to this section:

6. Nondiscrimination

	Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
6.1. Are there any dedicated and specialized independent bodies or courts tasked with receiving, investigating, or adjudicating cases of discrimination based on gender (e.g. specialized labor court, national human rights institution, women's commission, ombudsperson)?	«wbl_fly_Fam_A2J_HumanRightsInstitution»	«wbl_fly_Fam_A2J_HumanRightsInstitution_LB»	-Click to Select-	
6.2. Is legal aid available in civil and family matters?	«wbl_fly_Fam_A2J_LegalAidCivil»	«wbl_fly_Fam_A2J_LegalAidCivil_LB»	-Click to Select-	

6.3.a. Is there a gender equality or nondiscrimination law that specifically recognizes and protects the rights of women with disabilities?

Answers	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-Click to Select-	

6.3.b. Is there a law on persons with disabilities that specifically protects and promotes the rights of women with disabilities?

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_CL_LawDisabilitiesWomen»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CL_LawDisabilitiesWomen_LB»	-Click to Select-	

6.4. Does the law provide support to women with disabilities in the exercise of their parental rights and responsibilities (e.g. extension of maternity leave, financial aid, legal protection to keep custody for children etc.)?

Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-Click to Select-	

6.5. Please include any additional comments and links to laws relevant to this section:

7. Women's Access to Identification

The following questions are designed to measure women's access to identification. When answering the questions, please assume that the person is applying for the most commonly used identity document (e.g. often the national ID, but not always) for the first time.

7.1. What is the primary identity document that people use to identify themselves? *In many countries this is the national ID card, but it may also be a driver's license, a voter ID card, or a similar document. Please fill in the questionnaire with this document in mind.*

7.2. Can a woman legally apply for this identity document in the same way as a man?

Last cycle answers		This cycle answers	
«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_IDCard»	«wbl_fly_Fam_CM_IDCard_LB»	-Click to Select-	

7.3. Is having this identity document mandatory for persons who reached the legal age of majority?

Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-Click to Select-	

7.4. Which of the following documentation is required to apply for this identity document? *Please select all that apply. If the birth certificate can also serve as proof of citizenship or may be required as such, please note in your explanation if this is the case.*

	Answers
Documentation of citizenship	-Click to Select-
Birth certificate	-Click to Select-
Marriage certificate (for married applicants)	-Click to Select-
Please explain and provide source/legal basis	

7.5. What biographic and biometric data are collected when applying for this identity document?

	Answers
Address	-Click to Select-
Nationality	-Click to Select-
Gender	-Click to Select-
Ethnicity	-Click to Select-
Religion	-Click to Select-
Name of father	-Click to Select-
Name of mother	-Click to Select-
Marital status	-Click to Select-
Name of spouse	-Click to Select-
Photo	-Click to Select-
Fingerprints	-Click to Select-
Please explain and provide source/legal basis	

7.6. Please include any additional comments and links to laws relevant to this section:

Thank you for completing our questionnaire!

We sincerely appreciate your participation in the *Women, Business and the Law* project. The results will be published in the *Women, Business and the Law 2022* report and on our website: <http://wbl.worldbank.org>.

Your work will be gratefully acknowledged in both if you so choose.