



«Survey_Economy»

Dear «FirstName» «LastName»,

Thank you for participating in the *Women, Business and the Law 2023* questionnaire on family law in «Survey_Economy». [Women, Business and the Law](#) measures equality of economic opportunity by examining the laws that affect women's entrepreneurship and employment. Local experts like you make identifying barriers to gender equality possible.

Our latest study, [Women, Business and the Law 2022](#), was released on March 1 to widespread acclaim, with over 300 media mentions and more than 14,000 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](#) and a growing global network of more than 10,000 contributors.

Responses from professionals like yourself are essential to ensure the quality and accuracy of the data we collect and analyze. This short questionnaire examines laws affecting women's agency, mobility, and access to property. If there have been no reforms to the relevant laws since October 2, 2021, please submit the questionnaire after responding to Section 1. Subsequent sections should be answered only if changes to answers or legal basis are required.

Your participation could influence future policy making in your economy and in others eager to learn about good practices and successful reforms. This 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. Please return the completed questionnaire to WBLfamily@worldbank.org. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support of *Women, Business and the Law* and the work of the World Bank Group.

Sincerely,

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Starting this year, we are asking for your gender and age group for research purposes and to inform our outreach strategy. Demographic data will never be disclosed at the individual or country level.

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Referrals: Please help us by referring us to other experts who can respond to the questionnaire.

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How to complete this questionnaire

1. Please provide your contact information and information regarding others who contributed to this short questionnaire. Please indicate whether, in recognition of your contribution, you would like your contribution and your contact information acknowledged on our website and/or in the publication.
2. Please review the assumptions in order to fully understand the context of the questionnaire. If you have any questions about the assumptions, more details about how each question should be answered are available on our methodology page at: <https://wbi.worldbank.org/en/methodology>.
3. Please use the field called “**Please explain and provide source/legal basis**” to indicate the legal source of your answer. As part of the legal source, please cite the name of the law, regulations, etc., and the applicable articles or sections. If a legal reform occurred, please provide the **link to the new or amended law** and any details of the reform that you may have.

Assumptions

When answering this questionnaire, please consider the following assumptions: 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. • For the questions on Assets, if customary law is prevalent and there is no statutory law that recognizes women’s property rights and administration, please explain these details. • For the questions on inheritance rights, it is assumed that: (a) the deceased has not left a will, so the rules of intestate succession apply; and (b) when determining the inheritance rights of spouses, male and female surviving spouses do not have any living children.

Section 1. Reform and legislation updates

1.1. Since **October 2, 2021**, have there been any reforms in the **following laws and regulations, and in the areas listed in the table below** in «**Survey_Economy**»? For the purposes of this section, a **Reform** is a modification in the law or the enactment of new legislation (e.g. a new act, code, law, decree, order, supreme court decisions, amendment).

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Please select “Yes” only if there have been changes in the law.

Areas of Research	Reforms
<p>a) Whether women’s legal capacity and mobility are equal with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applying for a passport • choosing where to live • traveling outside the home • getting a job • opening a bank account • registering a business <p>Note: If your answer is “Yes”, please answer the questions in Section 2. Women’s Legal Capacity and Mobility (click)</p>	-Click to Select-
<p>b) Whether marital rights and responsibilities are equal with regards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • being designated “head of household” • owing obedience to the husband <p>Note: If your answer is “Yes”, please answer the question in Section 2. Women’s Legal Capacity and Mobility and Section 4. Marriage Rights (click)</p>	-Click to Select-
<p>c) Whether marital rights to own, acquire, and administer marital goods are equal?</p> <p>Note: If your answer is “Yes”, please answer the question in Section 3. Property Rights (click)</p>	-Click to Select-
<p>d) Whether inheritance rights of sons/daughters and surviving spouses are equal?</p> <p>Note: If your answer is “Yes”, please answer the question in Section 3. Property Rights (click)</p>	-Click to Select-
<p>e) Whether rights to obtain a divorce and remarry are equal?</p> <p>Note: If your answer is “Yes”, please answer the question in Section 4. Marriage Rights (click)</p>	-Click to Select-
<p>f) Whether discrimination in access to credit is prohibited by law?</p> <p>Note: If your answer is “Yes”, please answer the question Section 5. Financial Inclusion (click)</p>	-Click to Select-

1.2. Please explain and provide additional information and links to laws relevant to this section:

1.3. 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:

1.4. Are you aware of any relevant **court decisions** relating to this questionnaire? -Click to Select-

a. If **yes**, please describe:

b. If **yes**, please let us know any relevant court decision:

Note: If your answer is “No” to all the above questions in **Section 1. Reform and legislation updates**, please feel free to skip the following sections and submit the questionnaire to WBLfamily@worldbank.org

Section 2. Women's Legal Capacity and Mobility

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).

	Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
Apply for a passport	-Click to Select-	
Travel outside the country	-Click to Select-	
Choose where to live	-Click to Select-	
Travel outside her home	-Click to Select-	
Sign a binding contract	-Click to Select-	
Register a business	-Click to Select-	
Open a bank account	-Click to Select-	
Get a job or pursue a trade or profession	-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>	-Click to Select-	

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

Section 3. Property Rights

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, 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?

Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-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.*

Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-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.*

Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-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.*

Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
-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.*

	Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
Sons and daughters	-Click to Select-	
Male and female surviving spouses	-Click to Select-	

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

Section 4. Marriage Rights

	Answer	Please explain and provide source/legal basis
4.1. Is a married woman required by law to obey her husband?	-Click to Select-	
4.2. Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	-Click to Select-	
4.3. Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	-Click to Select-	

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

Section 5. Financial Inclusion

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

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

5.2. 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 2023* report and on our website: <http://wbl.worldbank.org>.

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