Laws are crucial for women’s economic empowerment. Yet, there is also a massive gap between their existence - de jure - and practical application - de facto, due to poor implementation and enforcement, which hinders women’s economic opportunity.

The Women, Business and the Law 2024 report introduces a new approach to measure the gap between laws on the books and their implementation.

Quantifying the implementation gap

An expanded set of indicators provides a more comprehensive picture of the absence of laws and policies related to women’s economic empowerment and their implementation.

Between 2022 and 2023, 47 reforms to increase gender equality under the law were enacted. Most reforms were in Parenthood, Parenthood, and Workplaces.

Let’s build a world where women’s rights are realized— not just written.