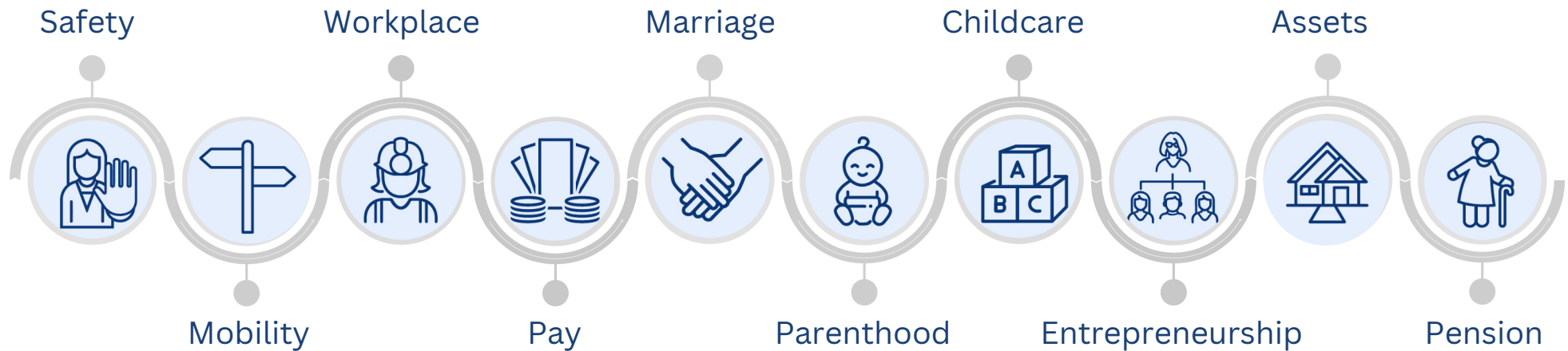


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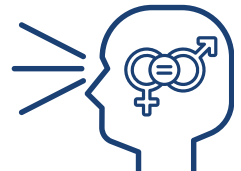
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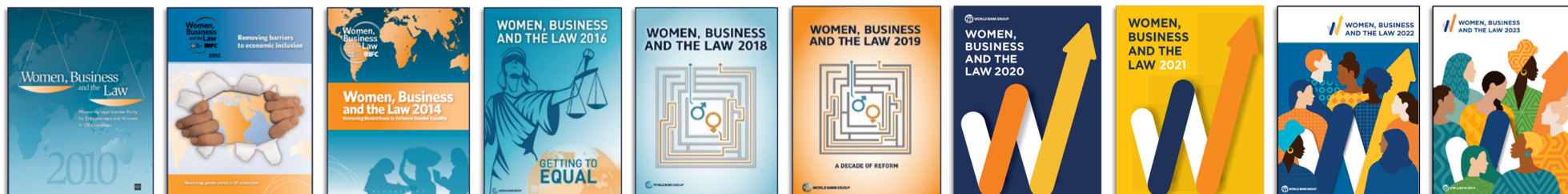
All economies can improve in **bridging the gap** between laws and their implementation.

Less than **40% of mechanisms** are in place to **support the implementation** of laws.

Experts perceive **better outcomes for women** on the ground when countries' legal frameworks are **more gender-equal**.



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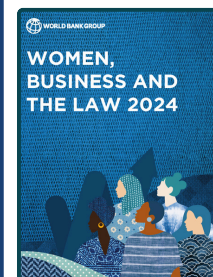
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