

Introduction

Dear __Data:FirstName__ __Data:LastName__,

Welcome to the *Women, Business and the Law 2026 Violence against Women* questionnaire for __Data:Survey_Economy__. You can save your progress and return at any time using the same questionnaire link. We recommend completing this questionnaire on a desktop or laptop for optimal user experience. If collaborating with other colleagues or experts, please ensure that only one person accesses the questionnaire at a time due to technical limitations.

This questionnaire contains questions on **laws** addressing four forms of violence against women: child marriage, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and femicide, along with your **perception of their enforcement**. It also contains questions on **policy instruments** that support the implementation of these laws.

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Questionnaire Overview

This questionnaire is structured into the following parts:

Hypothetical Country Scenarios


This part examines various scenarios in a hypothetical country, where you will assess the extent to which laws are enforced or rights are upheld.

Legal Frameworks and Enforcement

This part examines existing laws and the extent to which they are enforced by public authorities, including executive, regulatory, and judicial bodies.

Policy Instruments

The final part examines policy instruments that support the implementation of laws, such as national policies, action plans, monitoring institutions, access to justice measures, government programs, and statistical data.

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Hypothetical Country Scenarios – Instructions and Assumptions

Instructions


This part of the questionnaire presents various scenarios in a hypothetical country, **Country A**. For each scenario, you will be asked to assess the extent to which laws are enforced or rights are upheld based on the details provided. This part of the questionnaire asks for your own **perceptions** and **does not require any additional research**.

Assumptions

- For the purposes of this questionnaire, it is assumed that the questions focus on a woman residing in the main business city of country A.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the woman in question 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.
- The woman in question is a lawful citizen.

Definitions

- **Enforcement:** Actively ensuring compliance with the law. This term refers to both the practical implementation of laws and the legal obligation to uphold them.
- **Public authorities:** Executive, regulatory, and judicial bodies responsible for implementing, monitoring, and upholding laws.

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Hypothetical Country Scenarios

Hypothetical Scenario: In Country A, all forms of domestic violence are criminalized, and specialized police units for handling domestic violence claims exist in some districts, but they tend to respond only in the most extreme cases, usually when severe physical harm has already occurred. Further, they tend to be understaffed and underfunded. As knowledge of the legal requirements is generally not widespread among law enforcement, when claims of domestic violence do make it to court, they are often dismissed, and courts and law enforcement encourage women to resolve these matters privately.

Question: In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce laws prohibiting domestic violence in Country A, in practice?

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully

Hypothetical Scenario: In Country A, all forms of domestic violence are criminalized, and specialized police units for handling domestic violence claims exist and respond to most cases. However, due to limited resources, they sometimes prioritize more severe cases of physical violence over others. The government has provided a small budget to provide survivors with some access to legal aid and to train law enforcement on recognizing and prosecuting cases of domestic violence. Many women come forward and report their cases but some still worry that their claims will not receive adequate attention, and the police and law enforcement might downplay their situation or suggest handling it privately. When cases go to court, convictions of perpetrators are common but not guaranteed.


Question: In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce laws prohibiting domestic violence in Country A, in practice?

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully

Hypothetical Scenario: In Country A, all forms of domestic violence are criminalized, and authorities have been responding promptly and consistently to most cases, regardless of severity. Specialized police units dedicated to domestic violence operate effectively, although there are delays in handling cases due to high demand. A national action plan foresees a dedicated budget to provide survivors with access to legal aid and to train law enforcement on how to recognize and prosecute cases of all forms of domestic violence, giving specific attention to economic violence which had often gone unrecognized. When cases go to court, they typically end in the conviction of the perpetrator.

Question: In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce laws prohibiting domestic violence in Country A, in practice?

- Not at all
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Legal Frameworks and Enforcement – Instructions and Assumptions

Instructions

In this part, you will be asked about laws in **___Data:Survey_Economy___** and your opinion on their enforcement—meaning, the extent to which public authorities actively ensure compliance.

- **Enforcement:** Actively ensuring compliance with the law. This term refers to both the practical implementation of laws and the legal obligation to uphold them.
- **Public authorities:** Executive, regulatory, and judicial bodies responsible for implementing, monitoring, and upholding laws (*Public authorities responsible for enforcing laws on violence against women may include, for example, police, civil and criminal courts, special courts on violence against women, equal opportunities committees, etc.*).

You will encounter two types of questions: **legal frameworks questions**, which require knowledge and legal research, and **perception questions**, which are based solely on your experience and perception and do not require research.

Most legal framework questions include a pre-filled answer and the applicable legislation (legal basis). In these cases, the default selection is “No change.”


- **Yes/No (binary) questions: Selecting “Change” assumes the opposite answer.**
- **Other (non-binary) questions:** If you select “Change,” you will be asked to provide an updated answer.

Please review each pre-filled answer and **select “Change” only if an update to the answer is needed**. You will then be asked to indicate whether the change is due to a newly enacted or amended law and provide the applicable legislation. **If a new or amended law does not affect the pre-filled answer, simply keep “No change” but provide the updated legislation in the comment field.**

For questions without a pre-filled answer, please answer and indicate the applicable legislation. Then, the questionnaire will prompt you to answer questions regarding your perception of how those laws are enforced.

Assumptions

- For the purposes of this questionnaire, it is assumed that the questions focus on a woman residing in the main business city, **___Data:Survey_City___**.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the woman in question 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.
- The woman in question is a lawful citizen of the economy being examined.
- For more information on how to answer the questions, please refer to the methodology page on our website.

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Legal Frameworks – Instructions and Assumptions

Instructions

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For questions without a pre-filled answer, please answer and indicate the applicable legislation.

Assumptions

- For the purposes of this questionnaire, it is assumed that the questions focus on a woman residing in the main business city, **__Data:Survey_City__**.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the woman in question 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.
- The woman in question is a lawful citizen of the economy being examined.
- For more information on how to answer the questions, please refer to the methodology page on our website.

1. Child Marriage

① *Child marriage refers to any formal marriage or informal union between a child under the age of 18 and an adult or another child.*

For the purpose of this section, it is assumed that the questions that follow apply to a girl who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated.


Most legal framework questions include a pre-filled answer and the applicable legislation (legal basis). In these cases, the default selection is “No change.”

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Please review each pre-filled answer and **select “Change” only if an update to the answer is needed.** You will then be asked to indicate whether the change is due to a newly enacted or amended law and provide the applicable legislation. **If a new or amended law does not affect the pre-filled answer, simply keep “No change” but provide the updated legislation in the comment field.**

1.1. What is the legal age of marriage for boys?

① *“Legal age” refers to the age at which a person is free to marry without parental or an authority’s consent. The answer is 0 if parental or an authority’s consent to marry is needed at any age.*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No

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1.2. What is the legal age of marriage for girls?

① “Legal age” refers to the age at which a person is free to marry without parental or an authority’s consent. The answer is 0 if parental or an authority’s consent to marry is needed at any age.

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1.3. Is the law free of parental consent exceptions to the legal age of marriage?


① “Parental consent” refers to a legal provision which allows for an individual to marry before reaching the legal age of marriage if a parent or legal guardian gives their consent.

Answer	Legal basis
Yes/No	


1.3.1. What is the minimum age of marriage with parental consent for boys?


① *This question refers to the minimum age at which individuals may get married with parental consent. The answer is 0 if parental consent to marry is needed at any age. The answer is N/A if there are no parental consent exceptions to the legal age of marriage.*

 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to question 1.3 is “No”.*

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Legal Basis (from WBL database) ① <i>When the answer is N/A, the Legal Basis is left blank.</i>
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1.3.2. What is the minimum age of marriage with parental consent for girls?

① *This question refers to the minimum age at which individuals may get married with parental consent. The answer is 0 if parental consent to marry is needed at any age. The answer is N/A if there are no parental consent exceptions to the legal age of marriage.*

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- Yes
- No

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1.4. Is marriage under the legal age void or voidable?


① *A marriage is considered “void” if there are provisions in the law stating that marriages in violation of the age requirements are null and void. Void marriages are marriages that are deemed invalid and have no legal effect from the beginning. A marriage is considered “voidable” if there are provisions in the law that allow for the annulment of marriages of girls and boys in violation of the age requirements. This means that the marriage is initially valid but can be declared invalid by a court.*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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- Yes
- No


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1.5. Are there penalties for adults who authorize, celebrate, register, or enter into child marriage?


Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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1.6. In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce existing legislation addressing child marriage, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully
- No applicable legislation exists

2. Sexual Harassment

① “Sexual harassment” refers to any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favor, or verbal or physical conduct or gesture of a sexual nature that might reasonably be expected or perceived to offend or humiliate another human being.


2.1. Employment

For the purpose of this section, it is assumed that the questions that follow apply to a woman who is a cashier in the food retail sector, in a supermarket or grocery store that has 60 employees.

2.1.1. Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?


Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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2.1.2. Does legislation on sexual harassment in employment establish criminal penalties?

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Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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- Yes
- No

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2.1.3. Does legislation on sexual harassment in employment establish civil remedies?

① *For example, compensation for victims, such as time lost at work.*


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2.2. Education


For the purpose of this section, it is assumed that the questions that follow apply to a student.

2.2.1. Is there legislation on sexual harassment in education, including for students over 18?

① *Sexual harassment in education refers to any form of sexual harassment in both public and private higher education institutions. The legislation must be applicable to, but not necessarily only to, students over the age of 18.*


Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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2.2.2. Does legislation on sexual harassment in education establish criminal penalties?

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2.2.3. Does legislation on sexual harassment in education establish civil remedies?


① *For example, compensation for victims.*

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- Yes
- No

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2.3. Public places

2.3.1. Is there legislation on sexual harassment in public places (or on public transportation)?


① *Sexual harassment in public places refers to any form of sexual harassment in public places, including streets, public areas or venues, or on transportation. Laws that limit their applicability to the service provider, for example a transportation company, and do not address sexual harassment committed by the users of the service are not taken into account. “Sexual harassment in public spaces” does not include loitering outside the area where the victim resides, works or carries business.*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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- Yes
- No

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2.3.2. Does legislation on sexual harassment in public places (or on public transportation) establish criminal penalties?


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- Yes
- No

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2.3.3. Does legislation on sexual harassment in public places (or on transportation) establish civil remedies?


① *For example, compensation for victims.*

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2.4. Cyber-harassment/cyber-stalking


2.4.1. Is there legislation on cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking?

① *Cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking refers to any act directed at assisting in or committing any form of violence, including abusive comments, threats, sexual harassment, harassment or stalking perpetrated through the internet or other electronic means, including applications. Laws that limit their applicability to service providers committing cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking against users or individuals holding public office, the government or the police, are not taken into account.*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
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Legal Basis (from WBL database)
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Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?


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- Yes
- No

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2.4.2. Does legislation on cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking establish criminal penalties?


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Legal Basis (from WBL database)

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- Yes
- No

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2.4.3. Does legislation on cyber-harassment or cyber-stalking establish civil remedies?


 *For example, compensation for victims.*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional legal basis; 2) Cite a newly enacted or amended law; or 3) Add comments.


2.5. In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce existing legislation addressing sexual harassment, in practice?

 *Skip Logic: This question applies only to private sector contributors and it is not included in questionnaires sent to public sector contributors.*

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully
- No applicable legislation exists

3. Domestic Violence


3.1. Is there a law or provision on domestic violence?

① “Domestic violence” refers to gender-based violence (GBV) commonly directed against women, occurring in the private sphere, within the family or members of the same household, and within interpersonal relationships, including intimate partner violence. The abuse can consist of physical, emotional or psychological, sexual, or financial or economic actions or threats of actions.

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

Legal Basis (from WBL database)
__Data:Legal_Basis__

Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?


 **Skip Logic:** This question should only be answered if “Change” is selected in response to the question “Do you want to propose a change to the answer?”

- Yes
- No

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3.1.1. Does legislation on domestic violence establish criminal penalties?

 **Skip Logic:** This question should only be answered if the answer to question 3.1 is “Yes” and the contributor selects “No change”, or if the prepopulated answer is “No” and the contributor selects “Change”.

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

Legal Basis (from WBL database)
__Data:Legal_Basis__

Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?

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- Yes
- No

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional legal basis; 2) Cite a newly enacted or amended law; or 3) Add comments.


3.1.2. Can a victim of domestic violence obtain a protection order?

① A “protection order” is an official legal document issued to protect a victim from domestic violence, harm or harassment. It may include, but is not limited to, removing the perpetrator from the home, prohibiting contact with the victim and ordering the perpetrator to maintain a geographic distance from the victim.

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

Legal Basis (from WBL database)
__Data:Legal_Basis__


Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?

 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if “Change” is selected in response to the question “Do you want to propose a change to the answer?”*

- Yes
- No

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional legal basis; 2) Cite a newly enacted or amended law; or 3) Add comments.

3.1.3. Does legislation on domestic violence address:


 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to question 3.1 is “Yes” and the contributor selects “No change”, or if the prepopulated answer is “No” and the contributor selects “Change”.*

	Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
Physical violence	__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

<p>① <i>Physical violence refers to contact intended to cause pain, injury, or other physical suffering or bodily harm, such as hitting, slapping, punching, choking, pushing, throwing objects, burning and other types of contact that result in physical injury to the victim.</i></p>		
<p>Sexual violence</p> <p>① <i>Sexual violence refers to sexual acts, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances or other act directed against a person's sexuality using force or coercion.</i></p>	__Data:Answer__	No change/Change
<p>Psychological/emotional violence</p> <p>① <i>Psychological/emotional violence refers to behavior, including verbal abuse, threats, intimidation or other act that impairs the victim's psychological or emotional integrity.</i></p>	__Data:Answer__	No change/Change
<p>Financial/economic violence</p> <p>① <i>Financial/economic violence refers to acts to control, limit or prevent the other partner's access to economic resources, such as to create financial dependence.</i></p>	__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

	Legal Basis (from WBL database)
Physical violence	__Data:Legal_Basis__
Sexual violence	__Data:Legal_Basis__
Psychological/emotional violence	__Data:Legal_Basis__
Financial/economic violence	__Data:Legal_Basis__

Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?

 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if “Change” is selected in response to the question “Do you want to propose a change to the answer?” for any of the four forms of domestic violence included in the question 3.1.3.*

- Yes
- No

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional legal basis; 2) Cite a newly enacted or amended law; or 3) Add comments.



3.2. Does the law criminalize marital rape?


① *The law explicitly criminalizes “marital rape” when it provides, for example, that rape or sexual assault provisions apply irrespective of the nature of the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim, by explicitly stating that no marriage or other relationship shall constitute a defense to a charge of rape or sexual assault under the legislation, or by explicitly covering spouses as potential offenders of the crime.*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

Legal Basis (from WBL database)

__Data:Legal_Basis__

Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?

 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if “Change” is selected in response to the question “Do you want to propose a change to the answer?”*


- Yes
- No


Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional legal basis; 2) Cite a newly enacted or amended law; or 3) Add comments.



3.2.1. Does the law allow a woman to file a criminal complaint for rape or sexual assault against her husband or partner?


① *This question is meant to establish whether legislation on rape entitles a woman to file a complaint for rape against anyone, including her husband or partner, and spouses are not excluded from its application.*


 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to question 3.2 is “No” and the contributor selects “No change”, or if the prepopulated answer is “Yes” and the contributor selects “Change”.*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?	Your updated answer if you select “Change”  <i>Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if “Change” is selected in response to the question “Do you want to propose a change to the answer?”</i>
__Data:Answer__	No change/Change	Yes/No/N/A


 *When the answer is N/A, the Legal Basis is left blank.*

Legal Basis (from WBL database)
__Data:Legal_Basis__

Has a new law or an amendment been enacted since October 2, 2023?  <i>Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if “Change” is selected in response to the question “Do you want to propose a change to the answer?”</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional legal basis; 2) Cite a newly enacted or amended law; or 3) Add comments.


3.3. *In your opinion*, to what extent do public authorities enforce existing legislation addressing domestic violence, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully
- No applicable legislation exists

4. Femicide


① “Femicide” refers to the intentional killing of a woman with a gender-related motivation. Femicide can take many forms, including, murder of women as a result of intimate partner violence; torture and misogynist slaying of women; killing of women and girls in the name of “honor”, among others.

4.1. Does the law specifically criminalize femicide (the intentional killing of a woman with a gender-related motivation)?

① In the 2024 edition of the WBL report, the answer to this question was Yes if there was a specific provision on femicide OR if there were aggravated penalties for the murder of women. For the purpose of this questionnaire, the answer would be Yes ONLY if the law has a specific provision explicitly criminalizing femicide.

	Answer	Legal Basis
From WBL database	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Legal_Basis__
Your response	Yes/No	<input type="text"/>


4.1.1. If the answer to 4.1 is No, does the law provide for aggravated penalties for the intentional killing of women?

 Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to question 4.1 is “No”.

Answer	Legal Basis
Yes/No	<input type="text"/>

Please use the space below to: 1) Add links; or 2) Add comments.

4.2. In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce existing legislation addressing femicide, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully
- No applicable legislation exists

5. Are there any specific challenges to the enforcement of laws addressing violence against women in practice that you would like to highlight?

Policy Instruments – Instructions

This final part focuses on policy instruments that support the implementation of laws. These may include national policies and action plans, institutions responsible for monitoring and enforcing laws, access to justice measures, government programs and services, and statistical data. Only instruments that are in place and operational should be considered.

For the purpose of this Part, the “Source” field refers to the official source of information that can be used as a reference to substantiate the answer. Sources can include, for example, the title of an action plan and its issuing agency, the names of institutions, courts, police units, governmental agencies, or NGOs funded by the government providing services to women affected by violence. Please provide links to sources where feasible.


1. National Action Plans and Strategies

1.1. Is there an action plan or strategy on violence against women?

① *This question is meant to establish whether a specific action plan or strategy on violence against women, or a gender strategy that has a section on violence against women, is in place and operational.*

Answer	Source
Yes/No	<input type="text"/>

1.1.1. Does the action plan or strategy on violence against women:

 **Skip Logic:** This question should only be answered if the answer to question 1.1 is “Yes”.

	Answer	Source
Provide for prevention measures ① <i>Examples of “prevention measures” include measures addressing the root causes of gender-based violence. This includes measures to keep girls in schools; to raise awareness about the different forms of gender-based violence, the harmful attitudes and norms that condone it, relevant laws and support services, and active bystander interventions; or to address gender norms. Please, indicate the type of measures in the “Source” field.</i>	Yes/No	<input type="text"/>
Indicate the institutions responsible for its implementation ① <i>Please, indicate the names of institutions in the “Source” field.</i>	Yes/No	<input type="text"/>
Provide for targets and indicators ① <i>Including output or outcome indicators and targets that are linked to the goals and objectives of the plan.</i>	Yes/No	<input type="text"/>

<p><i>Please, indicate the targets, or refer, for example, to a targets table in the action plan or strategy in the "Source" field.</i></p>		
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<p>Please use the space below to: 1) Add links; or 2) Add comments.</p>
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2. Access to Justice

2.1. Are there special police or prosecutorial units on violence against women?

① *This question is meant to establish whether police units or prosecutorial units with specialized expertise and mandate in the prosecution of cases of violence against women are in place and operational.*

Answer	Source
Yes/No	<input type="text"/>

2.2. Are there special courts or procedures for cases of violence against women?

① *This question is meant to establish whether special courts with thematic jurisdiction on cases of violence against women or special rules of procedure for cases of violence against women, such as fast-track procedures or closed court hearings exist.*

Answer	Source
Yes/No	<input type="text"/>

2.3. Is legal aid provided for cases of violence against women?

① *“Legal aid” refers to legal advice, assistance, or representation for women survivors of violence. For the purposes of this question, the legal aid should be at least partially funded or provided by the government directly or through an NGO or other organization (financed by the government).*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
__Data:Answer__	No change/Change

Source (from WBL database)
__Data:Legal_Basis__

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional source; 2) Add links; or 3) Add comments.
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3. Services

3.1. Does the government provide or fund the following services for women affected by violence?

① In 2024 data were collected only on health services and psychological services.



	Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
Health services ① For the purposes of this question, the service should be administered or at least partially funded by the government providing specialized healthcare (physical health) specifically to women affected by violence. Healthcare services provided by NGOs or other organizations not financed by the government are not considered.	__Data:Answer__	Change/No change
Psychological services ① For the purposes of this question, the service should be administered or at least partially funded by the government providing psychological services specifically to women affected by violence. Psychological services provided by NGOs or other organizations not financed by the government are not considered.	__Data:Answer__	Change/No change

	Source (from WBL database)
Health services	__Data:Legal_Basis__
Psychological services	__Data:Legal_Basis__

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional source; 2) Add links; or 3) Add comments.

3.2. Does the government provide or fund the following services for women affected by violence?

	Answer	Source
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<p>Shelters</p> <p>① <i>For the purposes of this question, the shelters for women affected by violence should be run or at least partially funded by the government. Shelters run by NGOs or other organizations not financed by the government are not considered.</i></p>	<p>Yes/No</p>	
<p>Livelihood support services</p> <p>① <i>For the purposes of this question, the service should be administered or at least partially funded by the government providing livelihood support specifically to women affected by violence. Livelihood support services may include assistance finding employment, skill development through education and vocational training, financial assistance, etc. Livelihood support services provided by NGOs or other organizations not financed by the government are not considered.</i></p>	<p>Yes/No</p>	

Please use the space below to: 1) Add links; or 2) Add comments.




4. Monitoring

4.1. Is there an institutional mechanism to monitor the implementation of legislation, national plans, and/or programs on violence against women?

① *This question is meant to establish whether a specific government mechanism or agency oversees the implementation of legislation and policies on violence against women AND is in charge of monitoring the implementation of laws, plans, or programs addressing violence against women. “Mechanisms” include reporting mechanisms, sex-disaggregated data collection, information gathering, analysis about survivors’ access to justice and services as well as the impacts of laws and policies.*

Answer (from WBL database)	Do you want to propose a change to the answer?
__Data:Answer__	Change/No change

Source (from WBL database)
__Data:Legal_Basis__

Please click here to: 1) Indicate a different or additional source; 2) Add links; or 3) Add comments.


Additional Colleagues/Experts and Referrals

Would you like us to acknowledge a colleague or expert you collaborated with on this questionnaire?

Yes/No


How many additional colleagues or experts would you like to add?

 Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to the previous question is "Yes".

- 1
- 2
- 3

Additional colleague/expert(s): If there are more people whom you would like us to acknowledge, enter their information here. If this includes more than three people, kindly send us an e-mail at wblvaw@worldbank.org

 Skip Logic: The following form will repeat based on the selected number (1, 2, or 3).

	Additional Colleagues/Experts 1/2/3	Publishing Preference
Name		
Title:	<input type="text"/>	
First name:	<input type="text"/>	Yes/No
Last name:	<input type="text"/>	Yes/No
Demographic Information		
Gender:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Prefer not to say 	
Age group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below 25 • 25-35 • 36-45 • 46-55 • Over 55 • Prefer not to say 	
Professional and Educational Information		
Position:  e.g. manager, associate, partner	<input type="text"/>	
Professional background:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic/researcher • Civil society representative • Gender expert • Graduate student in law • Legal professional 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy or development professional • Other • Prefer not to say 	
Years of experience: ⓘ <i>Years of experience refers to the amount of time an individual has spent working in a relevant field or profession. This measure is utilized to assess the duration of time during which the individual has gained relevant skills, knowledge, and expertise.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 2 years • 2-5 years • 6-10 years • 11-20 years • Over 20 years • Prefer not to say 	
Highest level of education obtained:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's • Master's • PhD • Other • Prefer not to say 	
Contact Information		
Firm/Institution name:	<input type="text"/>	Yes/No
Firm/Institution website:	<input type="text"/>	
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Business phone:	<input type="text"/>	Yes/No
Mobile phone:	<input type="text"/>	

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

First name	Last name	Firm	Phone	E-mail
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Questionnaire Feedback


On behalf of the *Women, Business and the Law* (WBL) team, we thank you for your contribution to the WBL 2026 report. Your support is essential to ensuring data quality, and we appreciate your continued engagement. In this section, we invite you to share your interest in contributing to other topics, your insights on the impact of WBL and any feedback you may have on this questionnaire.

Interest in contributing to other topics

1. Would you be interested in contributing to other topics?

- Yes
- No

2. If the answer is “Yes”, please check all that apply:

 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to question 1 is “Yes”.*

- Family Law
- ① *Examines laws affecting women’s agency, entrepreneurship, mobility, and access to property.*
- Labor Law and Laws on Provision of Childcare Services
- ① *Examines laws affecting women’s ability to enter, remain in, and leave the labor force. Also examines laws affecting women’s ability to access affordable and quality childcare services.*

Women, Business and the Law impact

1. Do you have any stories or insights on how WBL data has impacted women’s lives in your country?

2. What are the benefits of responding to WBL questionnaires? Please select the top three options based on your preference.

- Building expertise in gender equality and women’s economic empowerment
- Association with high quality data and research produced by the World Bank
- Interest in being a member of a global network of experts
- Acknowledgement on the website
- Obtaining a certificate of completion
- Helping to reform laws in my country to empower women and girls
- Other


If “Other”, please specify:

 *Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if “Other” is selected.*

Questionnaire feedback

1. The WBL team is very keen on collaborating with you in the future to continue our efforts to identify barriers to women's economic participation and encourage the reform of discriminatory laws. To ensure future contributions, would you be willing to share how we can improve our questionnaires by answering the following questions?

- Yes
- No

 *Skip Logic: The following three questions should only be answered if the answer to question 1 is "Yes".*

2. How easy was it to respond to the questionnaire?

- Easy
- Somewhat easy
- Somewhat difficult
- Difficult

3. In your opinion, what can be improved? Please check all that apply.

- Questionnaire design
- Questionnaire length
- Communication around the questionnaire (reminders, follow up)
- Instructions on how to complete the questionnaire
- Deadline to complete the questionnaire
- Other

Please specify:

4. How likely are you to recommend responding to a WBL questionnaire to a colleague, and why?

- Highly likely
- Likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not likely

Please specify:



Thank you for completing our questionnaire!

We sincerely appreciate your participation in the *Women, Business and the Law* project.

The results will be published on our website: <https://wbl.worldbank.org>

Your work will be gratefully acknowledged if you so choose.