Norms and Decision-making

Social norms continue to constrain women’s capacity to effectively participate in society. Addressing these attitudes about women’s roles at all ages and societal levels is essential for moving towards a more gender equal redistribution of roles and inclusion of more women in decision-making processes.

A woman can apply for a passport in the same way as a man

Women’s participation in decision making (% of women ages 15-49)

Making their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care

Decision of visits to family, relatives, friends

Decision of what food to cook daily

Daily purchase decisions

Major household purchase decisions

Own health care decisions

A woman has the same rights to remarry as a man

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys compiled by United Nations Population Fund

Women who believe a husband is justified in beating his wife by wealth quintile

% of women ages 15-49

Q1 (lowest)

Q2

Q3

Q4

Q5 (highest)

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), and other surveys

Data retrieved from World Bank Gender Data Portal
https://genderdata.worldbank.org/topics/norms-and-decision-making/