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/