

Review of legal frameworks regulating ownership rights

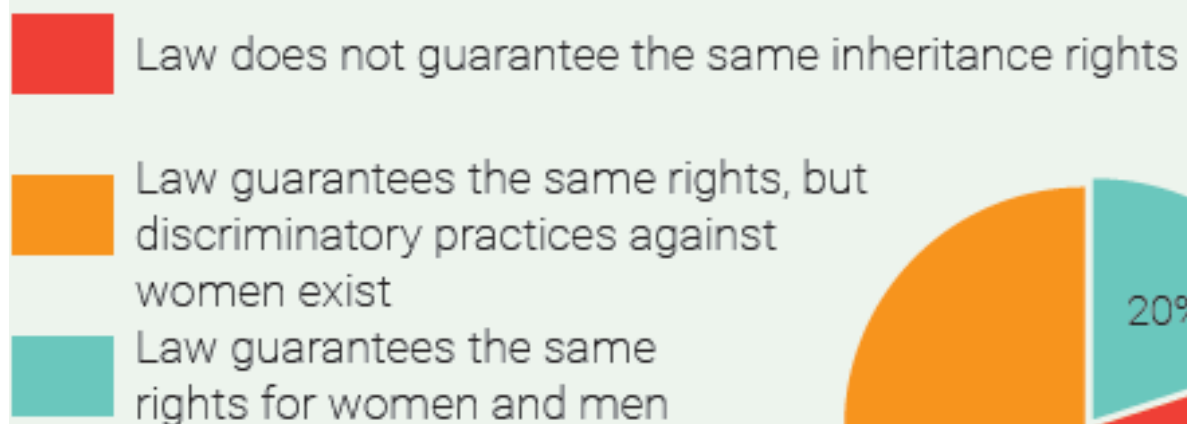
An individual's property rights are dependent on:

- **Inheritance laws**, which determine the distribution of assets when a parent or a spouse dies
- **Marital laws**, which determine allocation of ownership and management of property during marital union and its dissolution due to death or divorce

Inheritance Laws

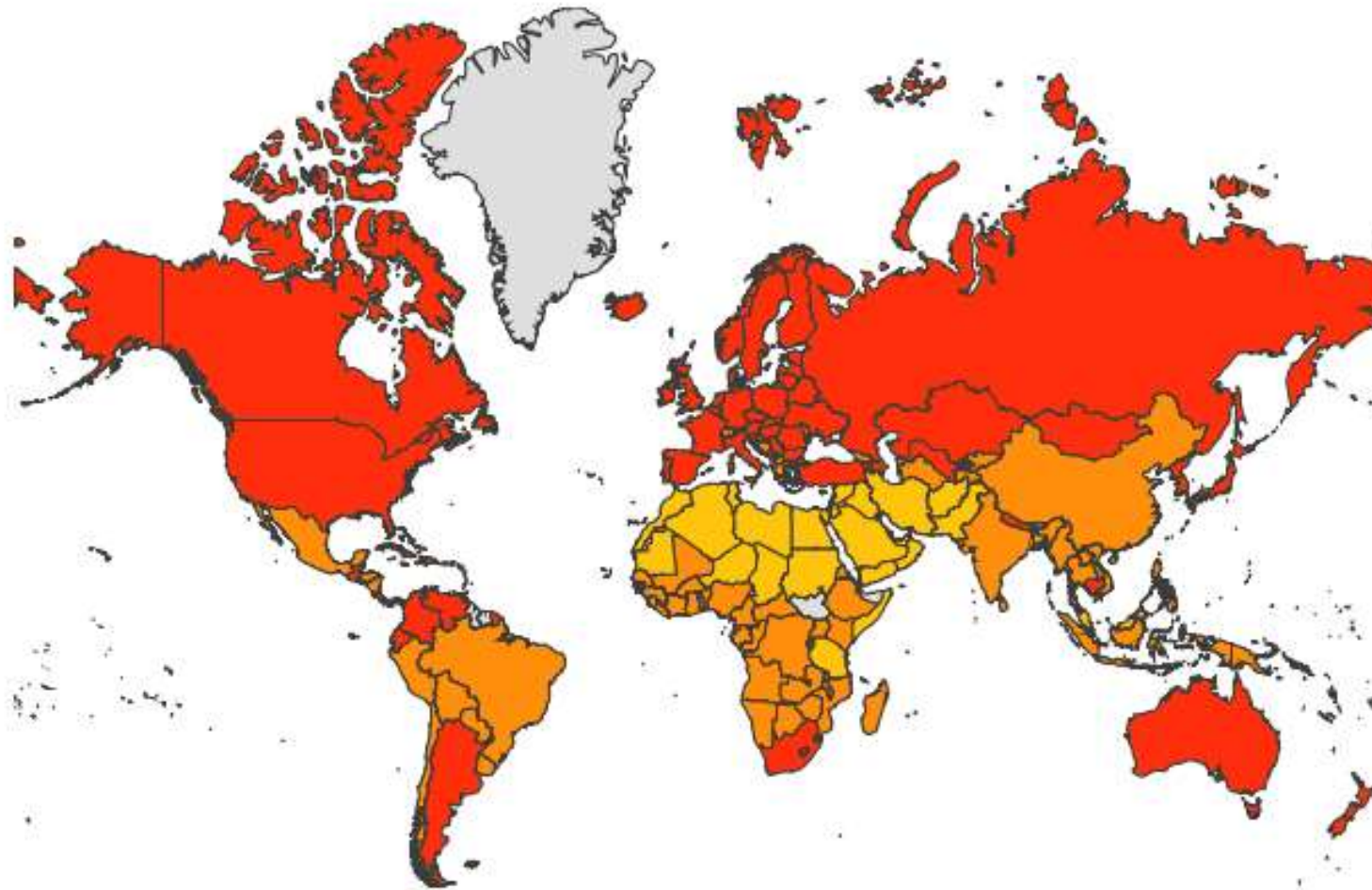
Existing statutory and customary laws restrict women's access to assets

Proportion of developing countries where:



Inheritance laws – discrimination against daughters

10 - Whether or not inheritance rights discriminate against women and girls



Discrimination against daughters

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-  The law does not guarantee the same inheritance rights
-  No information




Source: UN Gender Statistics
(<https://genderstats.un.org/#/qindicators>)

Inheritance Laws

Whether or not inheritance rights discriminate against women and girls (Latin America and the Caribbean)

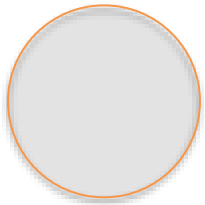


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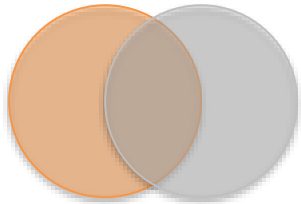
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Marital regimes



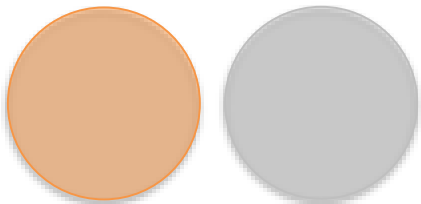
Common property regime

all assets acquired prior to marriage and all assets acquired during marriage as well as inheritances are considered the joint property of the couple



Partial community property regime

assets brought into marriage and inheritance remain the sole property of the individual. Only those assets acquired during the marriage become joint property of the couple



Separation of property regime

no concept of marital or joint property; all assets (purchased or inherited) are considered individual property unless the couple has specifically sought joint ownership for an asset