Advancing Methodology on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective

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Recommended Indicators and Analysis

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Key Objectives:

- Intra-household gender analysis
- Gender wealth gap
- Gender asset gap
## Recommended national indicators (1)

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**Contextualize!!**
Prevalence of ownership

Prevalence of reported ownership of the principal dwelling among the adult population, by sex, Uganda, 2014

Source: EDGE pilot surveys

Note: for illustration purpose only, data are not comparable across countries
Share of women among owners

Distribution of reported principal dwelling owners, by sex of owners, Uganda, 2014

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## Recommended national indicators (2)

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<td>2. Distribution of individuals by forms of ownership (do not own, own exclusively, own jointly) and sex</td>
<td>• Useful for monitoring national policies and programs to increase women’s ownership of land and housing through joint titling</td>
<td>Principal dwellings, agricultural land, other real-estate</td>
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Forms of ownership

Population by forms of documented ownership and sex, Georgia, 2015

- Women
  - Exclusive documented owner: 19%
  - Joint documented owner: 15%
  - Not documented owner: 67%

- Men
  - Exclusive documented owner: 20%
  - Joint documented owner: 26%
  - Not documented owner: 54%

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<td>3. Proportion of individuals who acquired ownership of [asset] through [specific mode of acquisition], by sex of individuals.</td>
<td>• Useful for developing policies and programs promoting women’s and men’s accumulation of assets</td>
<td>Principal dwelling, agricultural land, non-agricultural land</td>
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Main methods of acquisition of agricultural land (percent), by sex, Georgia, 2015

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<td>4. Gender wealth gap</td>
<td>• Accounts for gender differentials in quantity and characteristics of assets owned by women and men</td>
<td>Principal dwelling, agricultural land, non-agricultural land and other real estate, non-agricultural enterprise assets, financial assets, OR ALL TOGETHER</td>
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Prevalence of reported ownership and mean value of individual-level wealth among owners, by sex, in Uganda (2014, in million Uganda shillings) and in Mongolia (2015, million MNT)

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<th>Prevalence of reported ownership (per cent)</th>
<th>Mean values of wealth among owners with 95% confidence interval</th>
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<td>Uganda</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Mongolia</td>
<td>30</td>
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<th>Type of household</th>
<th>Number of respondents</th>
<th>Average wealth among respondents (in million Uganda Shillings)</th>
<th>Share of women’s wealth</th>
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<td>Single adult households (with or without children)</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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<td>Couple households with no other adult (with or without children)</td>
<td>301</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>1.4</td>
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Key recommendations (1)

✓ At the national level, countries will need to assess the legal frameworks and social norms governing access to assets

✓ Countries may want to measure the full set of ownership rights depending on policy objective

✓ Countries may want to address all issues that are of policy relevant (joint/exclusive ownership, asset acquisition)
### Recommended global indicators

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| Proportion of total population with documented ownership of [asset] or the right to sell or bequeath the [asset], by sex | • Measures ability to claim ownership rights in law over an asset as well as right to sell or bequeath asset in absence of documentation  
• Comparable across countries with disparate rates of documentation | Principal dwelling, agricultural land, other real estate, financial asset, mobile phone* |
| Share of women among individuals with documented ownership of [asset] or with the right to sell or to bequeath [asset] |                                                                                                      |                 |
Key recommendations (2)

• For comparability at the international level, ownership of physical priority assets, i.e., principal dwelling, agricultural land, other real estate, including non-agricultural land, is best defined as documented ownership or the rights to alienate the asset.
Global indicator construct

Documented

Right to sell

Right to bequeath

Total population, women/men
Proportion of total population with documented ownership of principal dwellings or the right to sell or bequeath the dwelling, by sex

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Intra-household Analysis
Intra-household analysis (1)

Ownership of assets within a couple

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Intra-household analysis (2)

Average land size when both own agricultural land

Men: 2.3 acres
Women: 1 acre

Uganda, agricultural land

- Both own
- Only wife owns
- Only husband owns
- Neither spouse owned
Intra-household analysis (3)

Women’s share of wealth by couple’s wealth, Uganda, 2014
Muchas Gracias

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