

Advancing Methodology on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective



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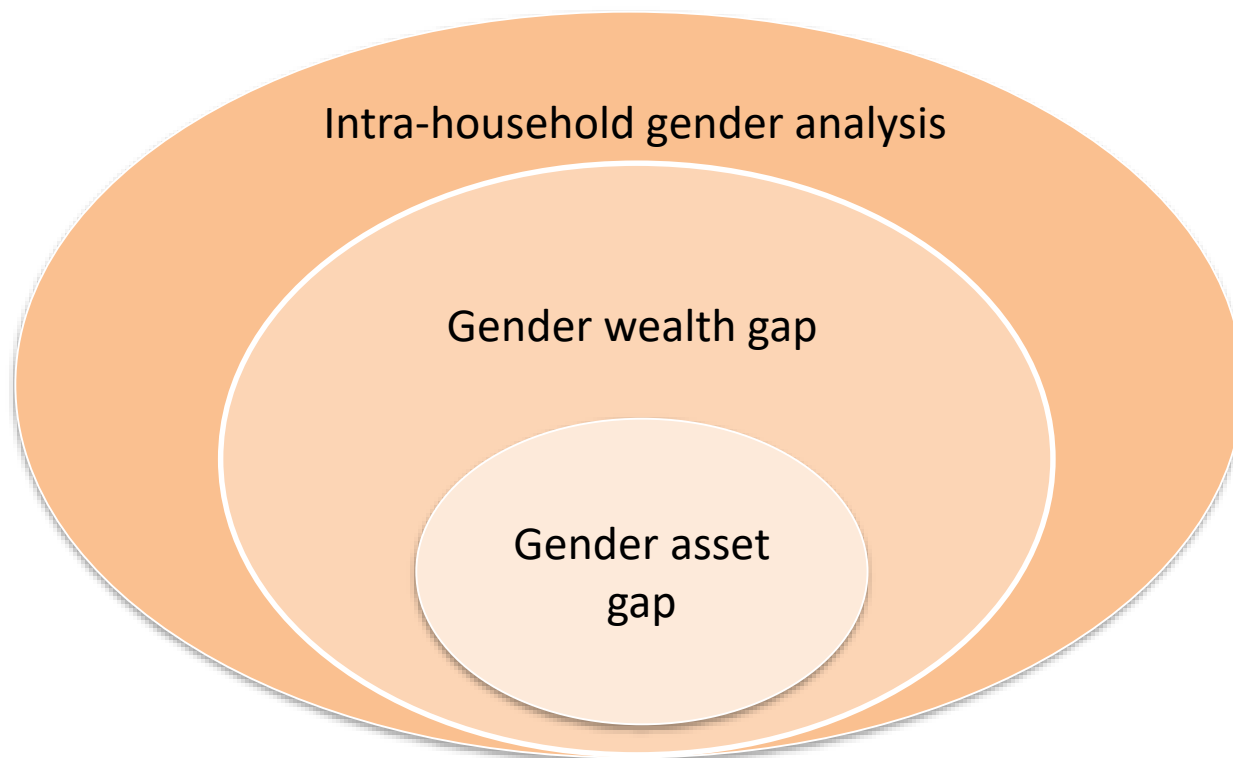
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Recommended Indicators and Analysis

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Key Objectives:



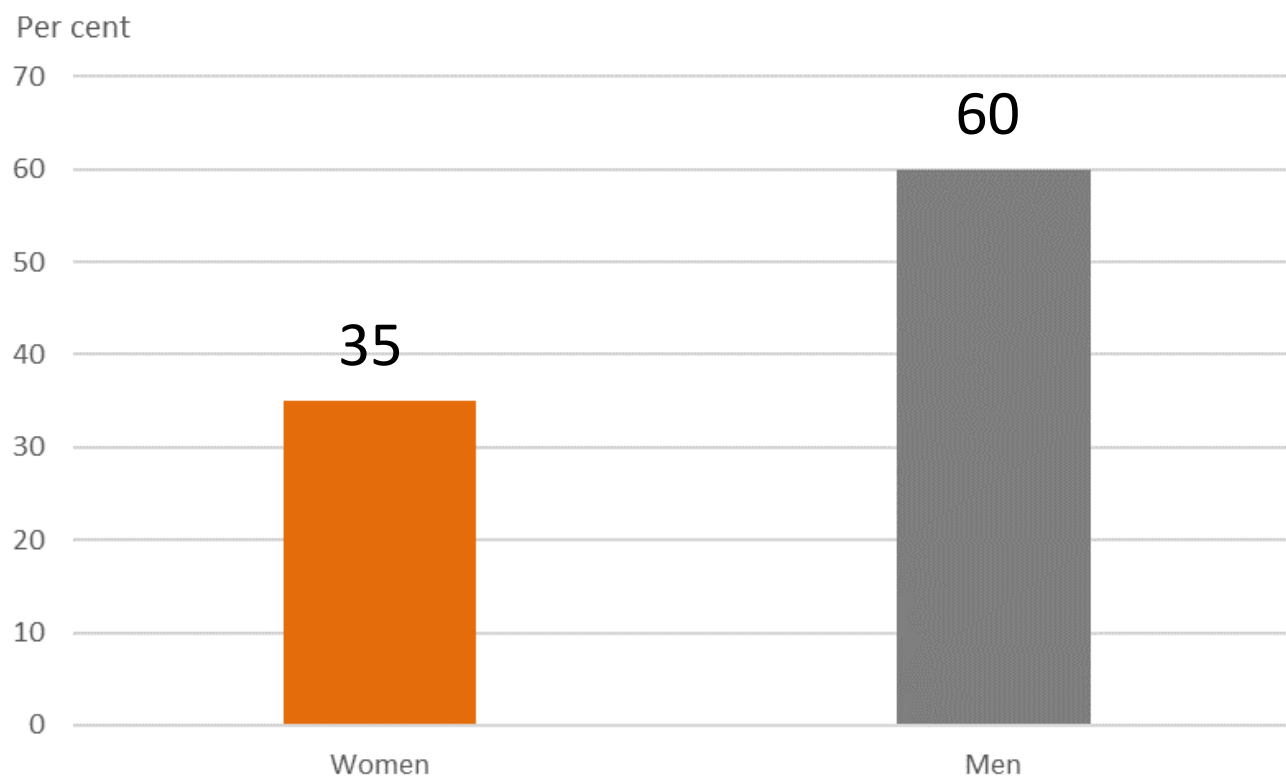
Recommended national indicators (1)

Indicators	Rationale	Asset coverage
1. Proportion of individuals with [type of ownership rights] of [asset], by sex	Different types of ownership rights	Priority assets
2. Share of women with [type of ownership rights] of [asset]	Different types of ownership rights	Priority assets

Contextualize!!

Prevalence of ownership

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

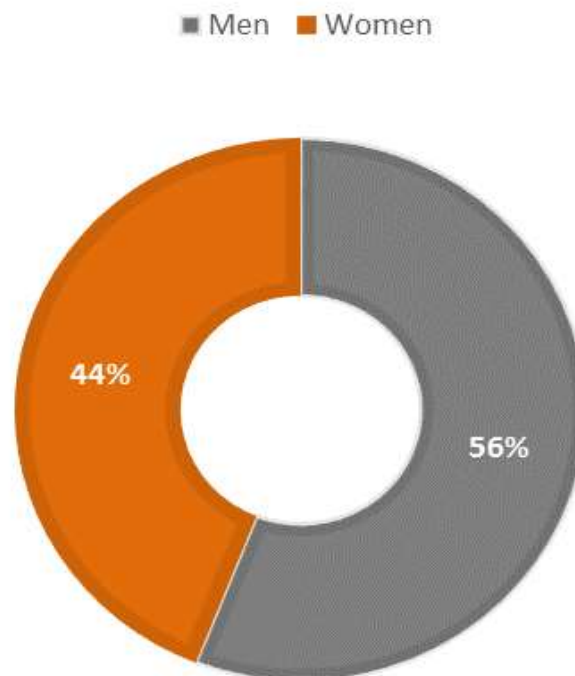


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Share of women among owners

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



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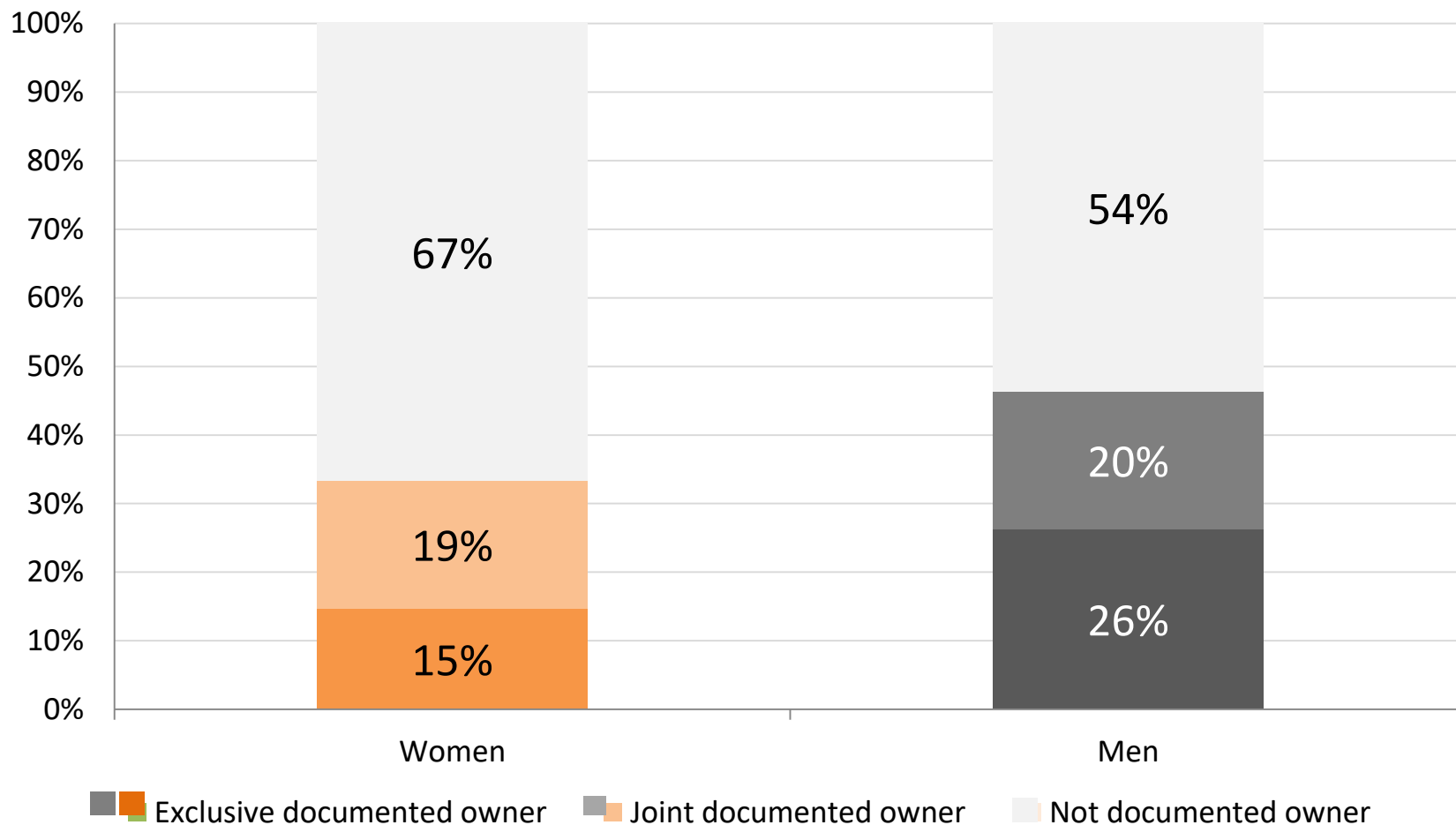
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Recommended national indicators (2)

Indicators	Rationale	Asset coverage
2. Distribution of individuals by forms of ownership (do not own, own exclusively, own jointly) and sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Useful for monitoring national policies and programs to increase women's ownership of land and housing through joint titling	Principal dwellings, agricultural land, other real-estate

Forms of ownership

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



Source: EDGE pilot surveys

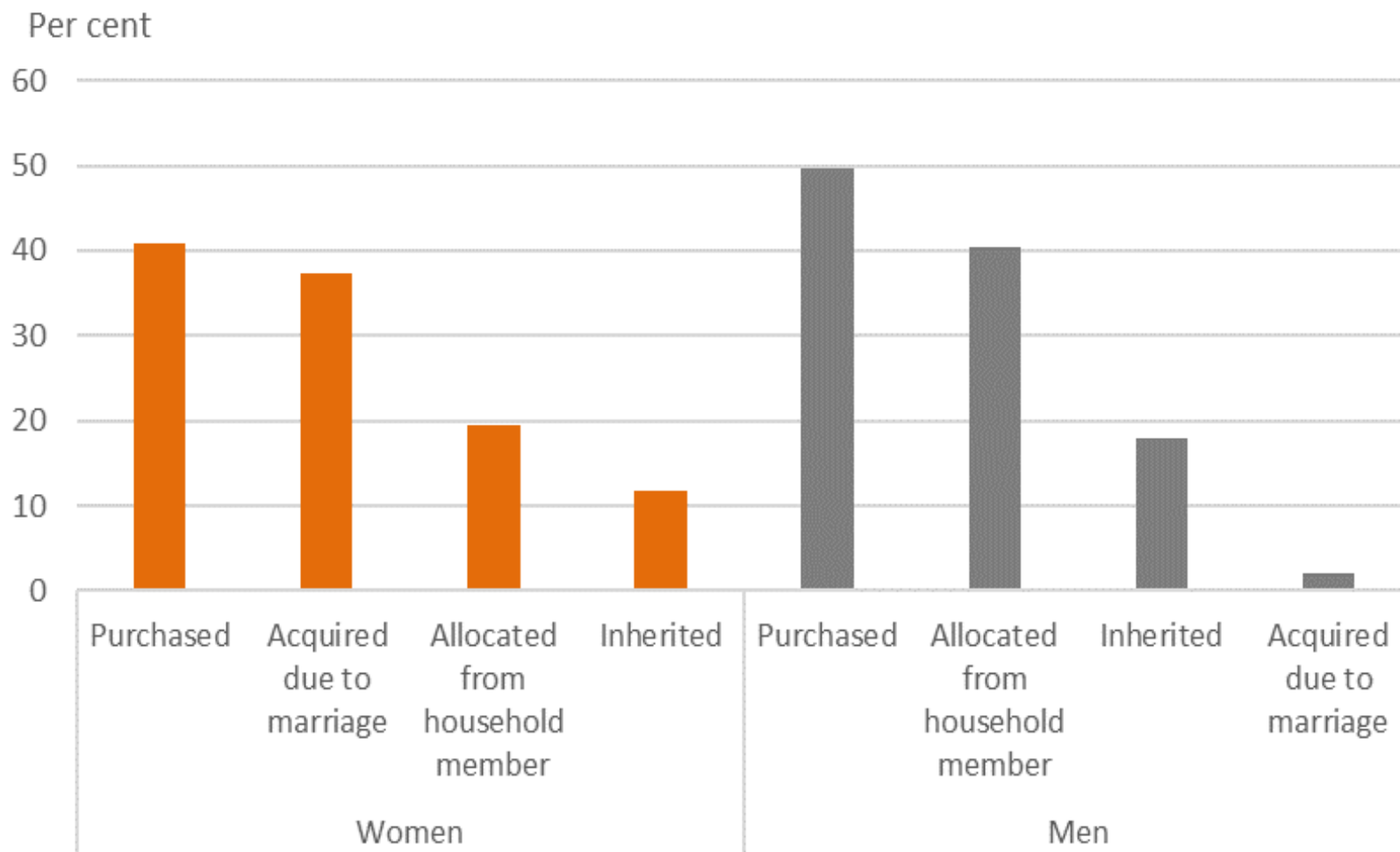
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Recommended national indicators (3)

Indicators	Rationale	Asset coverage
3. Proportion of individuals who acquired ownership of [asset] through [specific mode of acquisition], by sex of individuals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Useful for developing policies and programs promoting women's and men's accumulation of assets	Principal dwelling, agricultural land, non-agricultural land

Acquisition of assets: example

Main methods of acquisition of agricultural land (percent), by sex, Georgia, 2015



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Recommended national indicators (4)

Indicators	Rationale	Asset coverage
4. Gender wealth gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accounts for gender differentials in quantity and characteristics of assets owned by women and men	Principal dwelling, agricultural land, non-agricultural land and other real estate, non-agricultural enterprise assets, financial assets, OR ALL TOGETHER

Gender wealth gap (1)

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)

Principal dwelling	Prevalence of reported ownership (per cent)		Mean values of wealth among owners with 95% confidence interval	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
Uganda	35	60	7.7	13.1
Mongolia	30	53	33.5	32.9

Source: EDGE pilot surveys

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Gender wealth gap (2)

Individual wealth by household type for major assets (principal dwelling, agricultural land, financial assets and non-farm enterprise assets), Uganda (2014)

Type of household	Number of respondents		Average wealth among respondents (in million Uganda Shillings)		Share of women's wealth
	Women	Men	Women	Men	
Single adult households (with or without children)	106	77	3.5	5.4	0.394
Couple households with no other adult (with or without children)	301	253	1.4	10.3	0.118

Source: EDGE pilot surveys

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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)

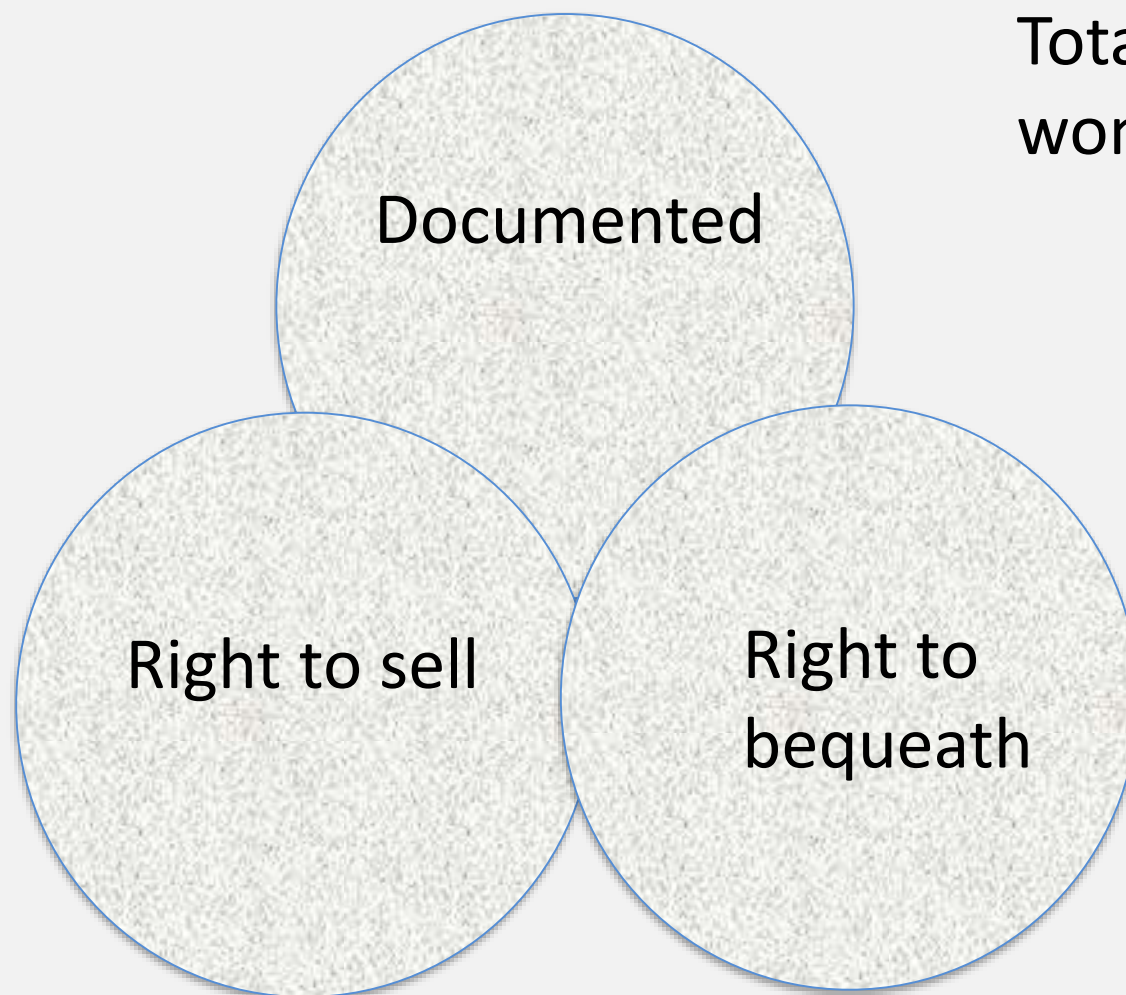
Recommended global indicators

Global Indicator	Rationale	Asset coverage
Proportion of total population with documented ownership of [asset] or the right to sell or bequeath the [asset], by sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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**

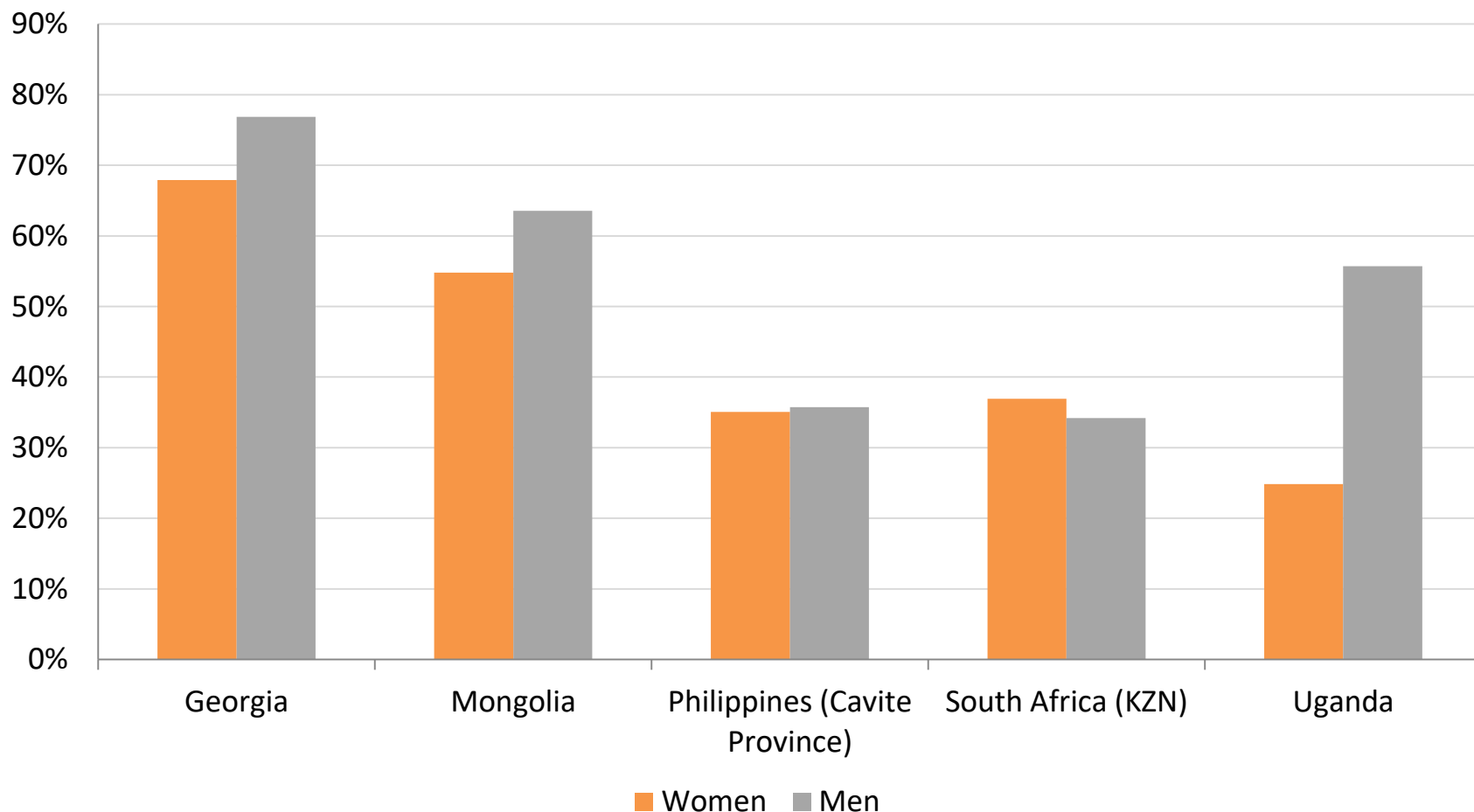
Global indicator construct



Total population,
women/men

Global indicator on dwelling ownership

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



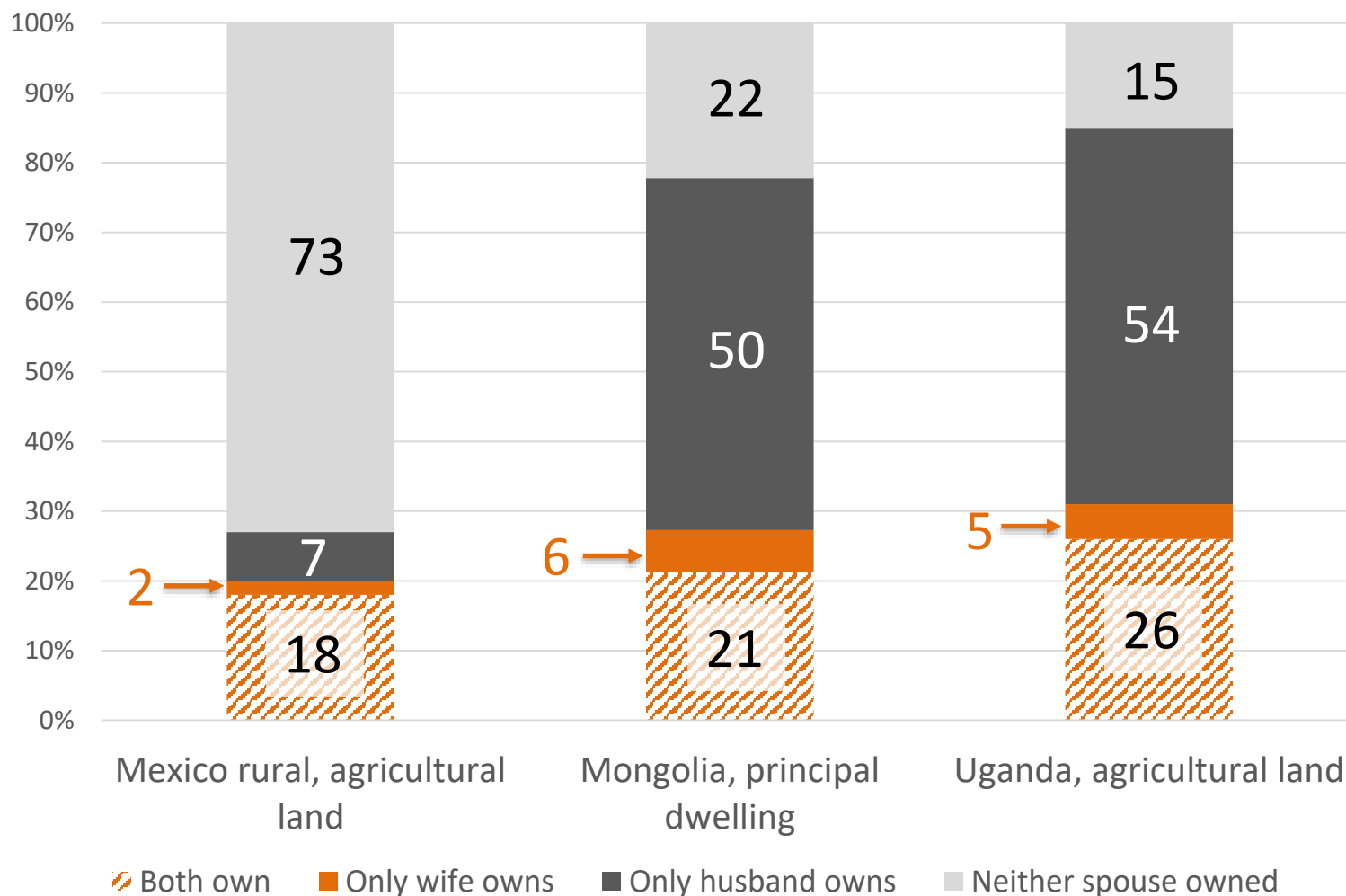
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Intra-household Analysis

Intra-household analysis (1)

Ownership of assets within a couple

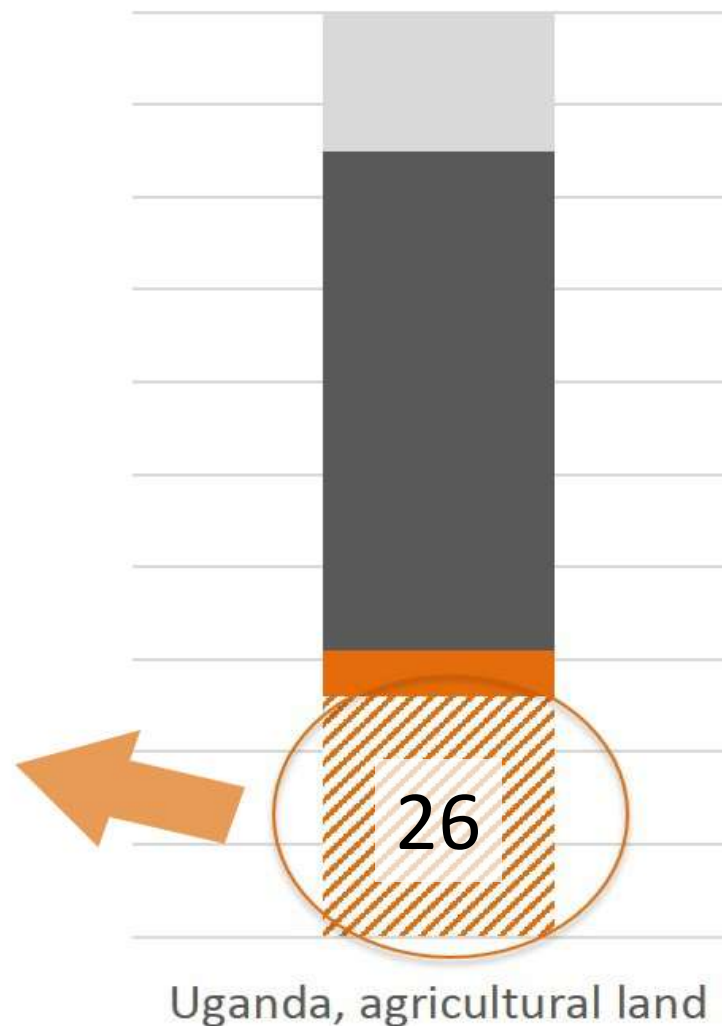


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Intra-household analysis (2)

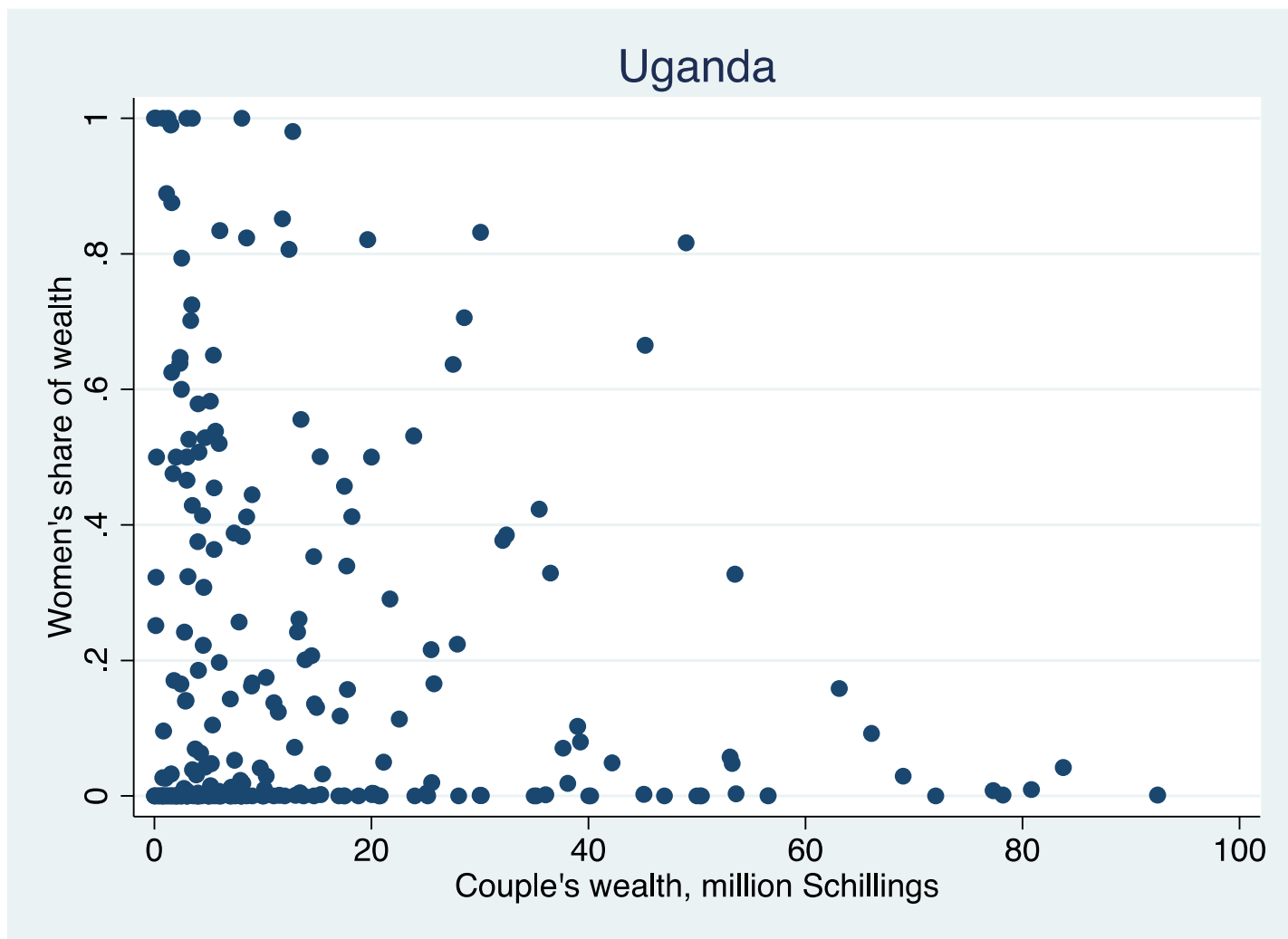
Average land size when both own agricultural land



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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