Day 1.

- What measures have been collected?
Presentations for EDGE Project Technical Meeting on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective

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What data has been collected on asset ownership?

- Living Standards Measurement Study - Integrated Surveys of Agriculture
- Demographic and Health Survey
- Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index
- Gender Asset Gap Project
DHS surveys typically interview women age 14-49; In addition, they interview and a man (age 24-59) in every other household.

Land questions are:
- If the HH owns land “usable for agriculture”
- Size of total land (in acres)

Asks respondent:
- Do you own land?
  - Responses are alone, jointly, both alone and jointly, or no.
Living Standards Measurement Study - Integrated Surveys of Agriculture

- 7 Countries in sub-Saharan Africa
- Each survey is slightly different, based on needs of country.
- Most agricultural information at the plot level, including ownership and management of plot.

- Ownership questions, at household or individual level, are in specific modules on land, livestock, consumer durables, agricultural equipment, housing, financial assets.
Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index

The WEAI measures the roles and extent of women’s engagement in the agriculture sector in
(1) decisions about agricultural production,
(2) access to and decisionmaking power over productive resources,
(3) control over use of income,
(4) leadership in the community, and
(5) time use.
Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (2)

- Does anyone in your household currently have any [ITEM]
- How many of [ITEM] does your household currently have?
- Who would you say owns most of the [ITEM]?
- Who would you say can decide whether to sell [ITEM] most of the time?
- Who would you say can decide whether to give away [ITEM] most of the time?
- Who would you say can decide to mortgage or rent out [ITEM] most of the time?
- Who contributes most to decisions regarding a new purchase of [ITEM]?
Gender Asset Gap Project

Nationally representative surveys/ state level in India
- Ecuador (n= 2892)
- Ghana (n=2170)
- Karnataka, India (n = 4110)
- Asked about all physical and financial assets (principal residence, agricultural land, other real estate, livestock, agricultural equipment, consumer durables, financial assets, businesses)
Gender Asset Gap Project

- Primary respondent completed a household asset survey listing ownership of all physical assets.
- Primary respondent and one other adult (preferably spouse) answered individual questionnaire on individual rights, decision-making, and acquisition. Financial asset questions were asked only in the individual questionnaire.
Two different approaches:

- **By asset:** List all assets owned by anyone in the household and ask who owns each one.
  - LSMS, Gender Asset Gap Project

- **By respondent:** Ask the respondent, do you own?
  - DHS