

# 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
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# Demographic and Health Surveys

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.
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# 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]?

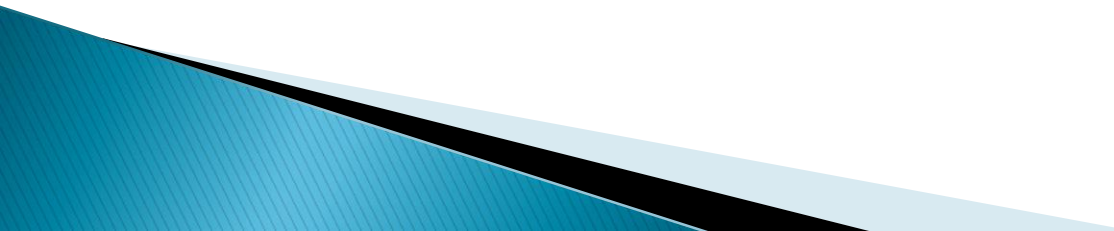
# Gender Asset Gap Project

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.
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# 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