

Review of legal frameworks regulating ownership rights/marital regimes

Inheritance Laws and Marital Regimes



- An individual's property rights are dependent on
 - Inheritance laws (daughters and spouses)
 - -Marital laws (determine allocation of ownership and management of property during marital union and its dissolution due to death or divorce)

These laws

- Can affect poverty status
- Ability to raise capital, financial inclusion, access credit

Inheritance Laws



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

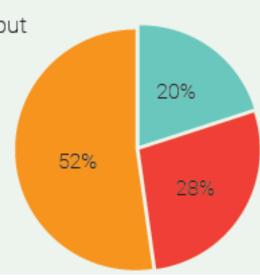
Proportion of developing countries where:

Law does not guarantee the same inheritance rights

Law guarantees the same rights, but discriminatory practices against

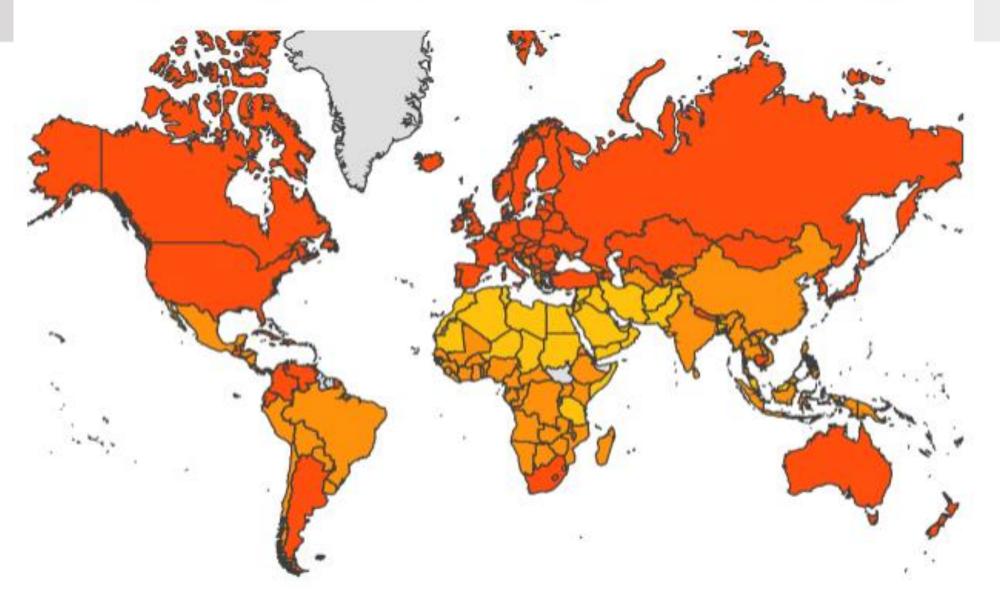
women exist

Law guarantees the same rights for women and men



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







The law guarantees the same inheritance rights



The law guarantees the same inheritance rights, but some customary, traditional or religious practices discriminates



The law does not guarantee the same inheritance rights



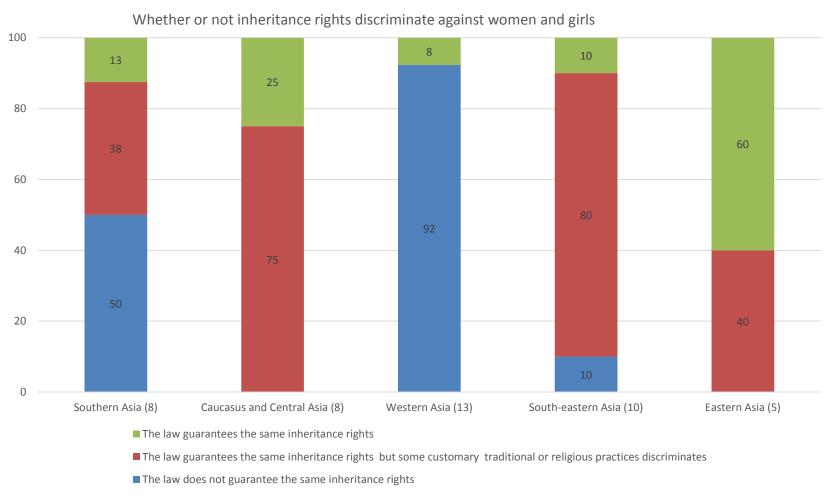
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Source: UN Gender Statistics (https://genderstats.un.org/#/qindicators)

Marital regimes



common property regime	partial community property regime	separation of property regime
all assets acquired	assets brought into	no concept of marital
prior to marriage and	marriage and	or joint property; all
all assets acquired	inheritance remain the	assets (purchased or
during marriage as well	sole property of the	inherited) are
as inheritances are	individual. Only those	considered individual
considered the joint	assets acquired during	property unless the
property of the couple	the marriage become	couple has specifically
	joint property of the	sought joint ownership
	couple	for an asset

Country responses



- Which type of law regarding property ownership within marriage exist in your country?
- In addition to legal framework, are there customary norms that govern the marital regimes?
- -Please describe the legal framework and customary norms that govern inheritance regimes in the country.