Measuring discriminatory social institutions related to VAW: SIGI Initiatives

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Defining discriminatory social institutions

Formal and informal laws, social norms and practices that restrict or exclude women and girls, and consequently curtail their access to rights, justice and empowerment opportunities
The SIGI’s Conceptual Framework

Social Institutions and Gender Index

- **Discriminatory family code**
  - Legal age of marriage
  - Early marriage
  - Parental authority
  - Inheritance

- **Restricted physical integrity**
  - Violence against women
  - Female genital mutilation
  - Reproductive autonomy

- **Son bias**
  - Missing women
  - Fertility preferences

- **Restricted resources and assets**
  - Secure access to land
  - Secure access to non-land assets
  - Access to financial services

- **Restricted civil liberties**
  - Access to public space
  - Political voice
SIGI

- Country profiles
  - 160 country profiles contain fully referenced qualitative information relative to social institutions, organised by sub-indices
- GID-DB
  - The OECD Gender, Institutions and Development Database comprises 33 indicators on gender discrimination in social institutions
- SIGI categories
  - The SIGI scores 108 countries by their level of discrimination in social institutions

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Measuring VAW in the SIGI’s framework

SIGI’s indicator of VAW

Legal framework
Social norms (attitudes)
Practice (prevalence)
Results: (reported) Prevalence of VAW

Source: OECD (2014) Gender, Institutions and Development database
Results: Level of legal protection and implementation

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Note: The regions are Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECA), East Asia and the Pacific (EAP), Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), Middle East and North Africa (MENA), North America (NA), South Asia (SA), Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA).
The added value of the SIGI’s measures of VAW

Note: Controlling for GDP, legal protection and regional dummies.
Lessons from SIGI country studies (I)

Attitudes towards violence

1001: Give your opinions on the following practices. Using the following codes, write the code that corresponds to the rating in the table below.


Reasons for beating his wife:
- Refusing having sex
- Burning the meal

Reasons for beating her husband:
- Not pooling his income
- Neglecting the children

Sexual harassment at the workplace:
- Should be criminalised
- Is a employer’s benefit

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Lessons from SIGI country studies (II)

Prevalence of violence (for women and men) and victims’ behaviour

Have you been victim of
- Type of violence
- Various perpetrators

Have you already be the actor of
- Type of violence
- Various perpetrators

Have you looked for help
- Yes/No
  - If yes, where
  - If no, why?
Challenges in measuring VAW

Data gaps and methodological issues remain huge

SDG Target 5.2

• Data source: administrative versus surveys?
• Last 12 months versus lifetime?
• Cross-country comparisons?
Thank you for your attention

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