Global Forum on Gender Statistics

Political Empowerment of Women and Women’s Autonomy in Rwanda

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Rwanda Administrative Map

Source: NISR Website
1. Country Profile

- Land area: 26,338 square Km
- Population: 10.7 million (F:52%, M:48%) (2011)
- Population growth rate: 2.6 (2010)
- Infant Mortality Rate: 50 (2010)
- Under 5 Mortality Rate: 76 (2010)
- Total Fertility Rate: 4.6 (2010)
- Density: 406 (2011)
- Sex Ratio: 1.03 male(s)/female
- Life expectancy: F= 55, M=52
- Literacy Rate: 78% (2010)
- GDP growth: 8.6 % (2011)
1. Introduction

The Government of Rwanda embarked on a national wide program to mainstream Gender in all national development programs.

The Rwandan new Constitution stipulates that women should constitute 30% in all leadership position in the country.

This was also followed by establishing the Gender Monitoring Office (GMO) and a National Women's’ Council.
2. Rwanda’s Political Will: Evidence on the Ground
Women: Gender Statistics Volume I, The Public Sector in Rwanda 2011

Source: NISR, GMO and UN Women: Gender Statistics Volume I, The Public Sector in Rwanda 2011
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Women

Men

Mayors of Districts

10%

90%

Vice Mayors Economic Affairs

16.70%

83.30%

Vice Mayors Social Affairs

16.70%

83.30%

Executive Secretaries of Districts

6.70%

93.30%

Source: NISR, GMO and UN Women: Gender Statistics Volume I, The Public Sector in Rwanda 2011
3. Women’s Employment and Earnings
Percent distribution of currently married employed women and men age 15-49 by payment type

Source: RDHS 2010
Control Over Women’s Earnings

Percent distribution of married women 15-49 with cash earnings by person who decides how their earnings are used

Source: RDHS 2010
Control Over Men’s Earnings

Percent distribution of married men and of married women by decision maker regarding the use of the husband’s earnings

According to currently married men age 15-49

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Source: RDHS 2010
Women’s Participation in Decision Making at Household Level

Percent of currently married women age 15-49 who usually make specific decisions by themselves or jointly with their husband

- Own health care: 74%
- Major household purchases: 71%
- Visits to family or relatives: 81%
- All three decisions: 59%
- None of the three decisions: 11%

Source: RDHS 2010
26.3% of all Rwandan establishments have a female manager.

Source: Establishment Census 2010
4. Rwanda Gender Statistics: Best Practice
The Gender Statistics Framework is a tool which will facilitate NISR to produce up to date and reliable gender statistics – data.

- Gender statistics constitute one of the most important data sets that is used to measure progress on achievement of the MDG 3 “promoting Gender equality and empower women, EDPRS, Vision 2020, Beijing plan of Action 1995, ICPD 1994, National Gender policy etc.

- The GSF will assist both data collectors, processors and users to ensure that in designing data collection instruments, processing and dissemination take into account the gender dimensions in the society.

- The GSF will facilitate tracking and monitoring of gender mainstreaming in all development sectors, and is essential for formulation of policies and programmes (users will include GoR, UN, Development Partners, NGO’s, Research Institutions etc).
## GSF Components

1. **Main Gender Statistics Framework**  
   *(Main GSF)*

2. **Concise GSF**

3. **The Gender Status Index (GSI)**

4. **The General Issue Framework**

5. **The District Summary GSF**

6. **The District level GSF**

7. **The District forms**

8. **The Meta Data**

1. Gender and population.
2. Gender and education.
3. Gender, health and nutrition.
4. Gender and work or employment.
5. Gender and social protection.
6. Gender and environment.
7. Gender and decision making/Governance.
8. Gender and family.
9. Gender and Agriculture and Livestock & Forestry.
10. Gender and Justice.
11. Gender and Transportation / Communication(Infrastructure)
12. Gender and Trade and Business.
13. Gender and Industry and processing.
14. Gender and ICT (Part of Infrastructure)
15. Gender and Media
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<td>• It has 15 sectors and several Gender indicators</td>
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<td>• Based in the IUS international format just like the Devinfo/Rwandainfo, Genderinfo system</td>
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<td>• Indicates the sources of data used</td>
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<td>• Timeframe of 10 years to capture trend for M&amp;E purposes</td>
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<td>• Flexible enough to expand or condense if need arises to increase sectors and indicators</td>
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<td>• Designed to assist the NISR to capture data that can be generated from the local authorities (flow data) each year. Entered in the main framework just like the DHS or Census, or surveys data</td>
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<td>• Designed to capture data from lower levels using simplified District Forms from the NISR</td>
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<td>• Managed by the NISR to receive and keep data from the districts (frequency to be determined by the NISR)</td>
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<td>• Can make inputs into the publishable frameworks as well</td>
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<td>• The Concise Framework (NISR Bulletin or Website)</td>
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<td>• The Gender Status Index (for international Publication and comparison, and based on the ECA format used all over in Africa)</td>
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<td>• All these are derived from the main GSF, and entered in the two publishable formats. To be done by NISR staff on regular basis</td>
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Accomplishments 2011

- Gender Statistics Framework finalized (to be launched on 3rd April 2012)
- Gender Statistics Training with government statisticians / M&E officers (45 participants) conducted
- Gender Statistics Training with all district statisticians and gender focal points done
- Gender Statistics Publication, Volume I – Public Sector in Rwanda – available – to be presented on 3rd April 2012 as a showcase of GSF Publications
NISR, GMO with the UN Women technical and financial support will:

- Strengthen Districts to regularly submit the district form to NISR (needs assessment to be carried out to identify what support is required)
- Produce Quarterly Gender Statistics Publications
- Produce Annual District Gender Statistics Publication
- Organize High-end policy forums with others stakeholders to share the publications and hence influence policy decisions.
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