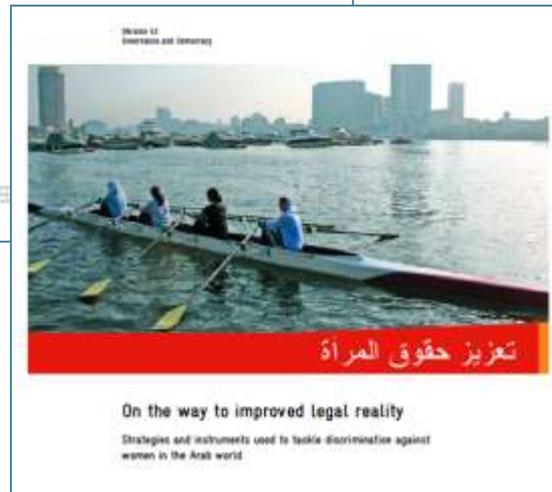




Combining field experience, research and policy advice to empower women



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In most Arab countries discriminatory inheritance law and property rights make it difficult for women to save their own capital

- In the Yemeni highlands, for example, a region in which the predominance of customary law rulings was always taken for granted by Western researchers, women inherited no land in the 1970s. But they were often compensated with other forms of property, for example gold, ... “
- It is very often the case that women are either denied their portion of estate entirely (in Kuwait, for instance, fathers often bequeath their entire estate to their sons, even though this is against the law), or they agree voluntarily to renounce their inheritance in order to secure their brothers' protection for themselves and their ... “
- More than 6,000 women in Greater Cairo obtained **personal identity documents** within the framework of the project, significantly improving their opportunities and quality of life. **Several women were able** to find better paid jobs as a result, and some were at last able **to enforce their legal rights, for instance against divorced husbands or in inheritance cases.**



PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM AND GENDER MAINSTREAMING

GOOD GOVERNANCE IN POPULATION ADMINISTRATION - GTZ INDONESIA

CONTEXT

The reform of public tasks involves a number of links with gender equality approaches. The measures employed may target the development of human resources by reducing structural discrimination against female employees or they may be geared to removing disadvantages for women when it comes to using public services.



However, gender equality approaches are often not systematically integrated into project design. This project is meant to show that results-based change processes for the establishment of a modern public administration in the population administration sector only stand a chance of succeeding if they simultaneously promote a societal process for fundamental reform of the rights of women that are linked with their civil status, as certified by civil registration documents.

PROJECT

In the framework of public administration reform, the project provides advisory services to partner organizations at national, provincial and municipal level. In a dialogue process, more than 50 organizations were involved in the development of a draft law on population administration. For the first time this law creates the foundation for a fair and transparent access to state recognition of citizenship status. However, equal treatment in public service provision does not mean that women are also guaranteed, for example, equal rights in marriage and divorce. If there are, as in Indonesia, regulatory deficits in the family law and right of succession, it is often women who are disadvantaged in claiming their rights. As a result, the treatment in existing documents remains law. Already at an early stage of the reform process, therefore, their own calls for a reform of the rights connected to civil status.



GENDER IMPACT

The core elements of the civil rights' dialogue are periodic discussions attended by decision-makers from government, religious institutions and societal opinion-leaders. They are invited to present position papers on selected topics related to civil status and the rights of women. The aim is to outline consensus-based solutions to previously controversial issues.

Recently discussed topics include legal consequences of unregistered marriages, unregistered children, divorce, and adoption. The results have come to the attention of the professional public and prompted further research aimed at harmonizing family law. A break-through in this field will be the renewed discussion on the Compilation of Islamic Law under the aspect of gender equality, that represents the legal basis in family affairs for over 190 Million Islamic citizens.



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Transfer and application of knowledge

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- ...
- **addressing amongst others the value and effects of personal identity documents and legal consequences of unregistered marriages, unregistered children, divorce, and adoption and ...**



The Gender Law Library is a collection of **national legal provisions impacting women's economic status in 183 economies.**

The database facilitates comparative analysis of legislation, serves as a resource for research, and contributes to reforms that can enhance women's full economic participation.



Utilising our (Germany's) membership in multilateral organisations incl. IFIs to promote women empowerment



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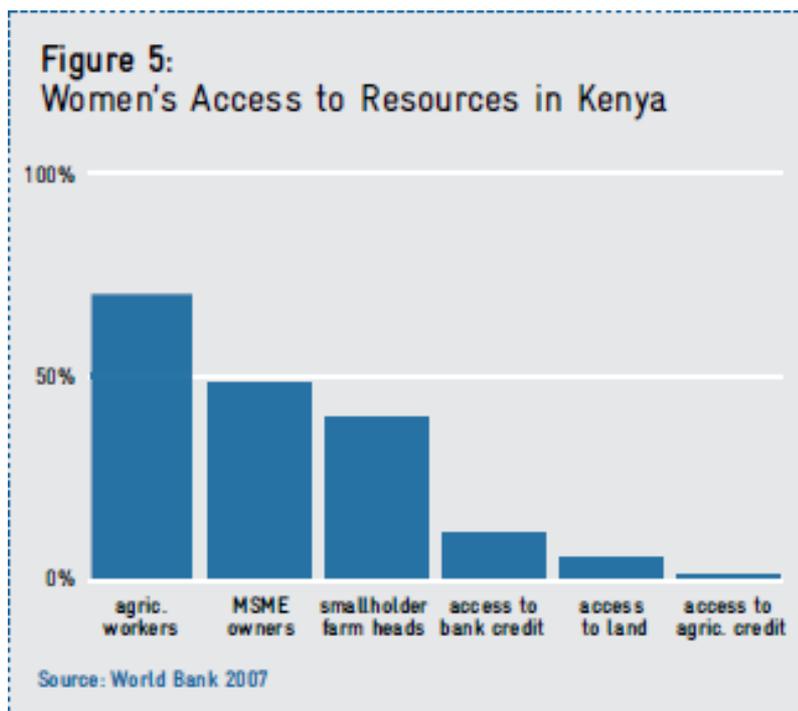
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Gender Equality in Land and Property Rights



Certain legislation, such as inheritance laws, may also reduce the chance of women succeeding in business. In many African countries, women have fewer inheritance rights, either by law or. This means that they are often unable to provide the collateral needed to receive business loans from a bank. While Kenya's formal statute law potentially gives property rights to married women, and the 1882 Married Women's Property Act gives married women equal rights to own property, the constitution exempts from its non-discrimination provisions "members of a particular race or tribe" which are to be governed by customary law. For many women customary law is the only law to which they have recourse. As a result, women only hold about one percent of the registered land titles, with five to six percent of the registered titles being held jointly by married couples (World Bank 2004).



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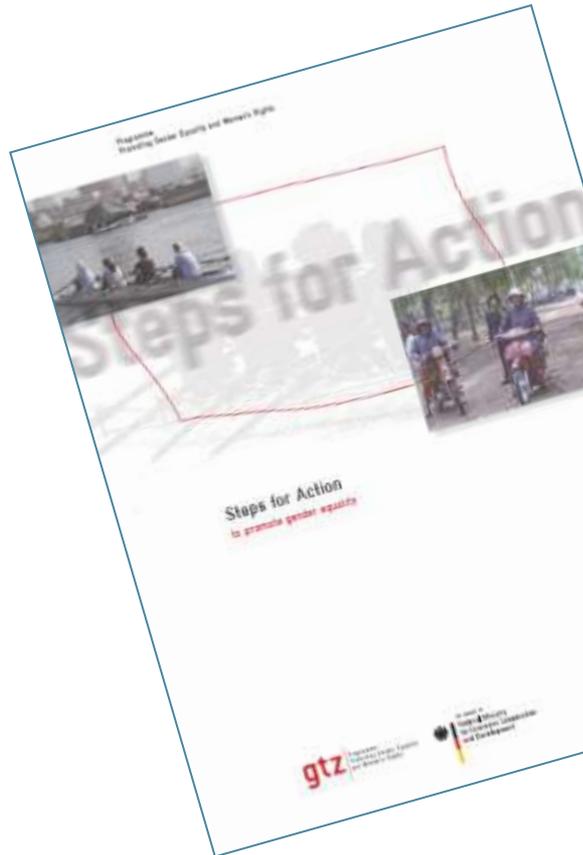
In 2009 The Donor Committee for Enterprise
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Development of Women Entrepreneurship in Africa.

Women's Entrepreneurship Development (WED) ...

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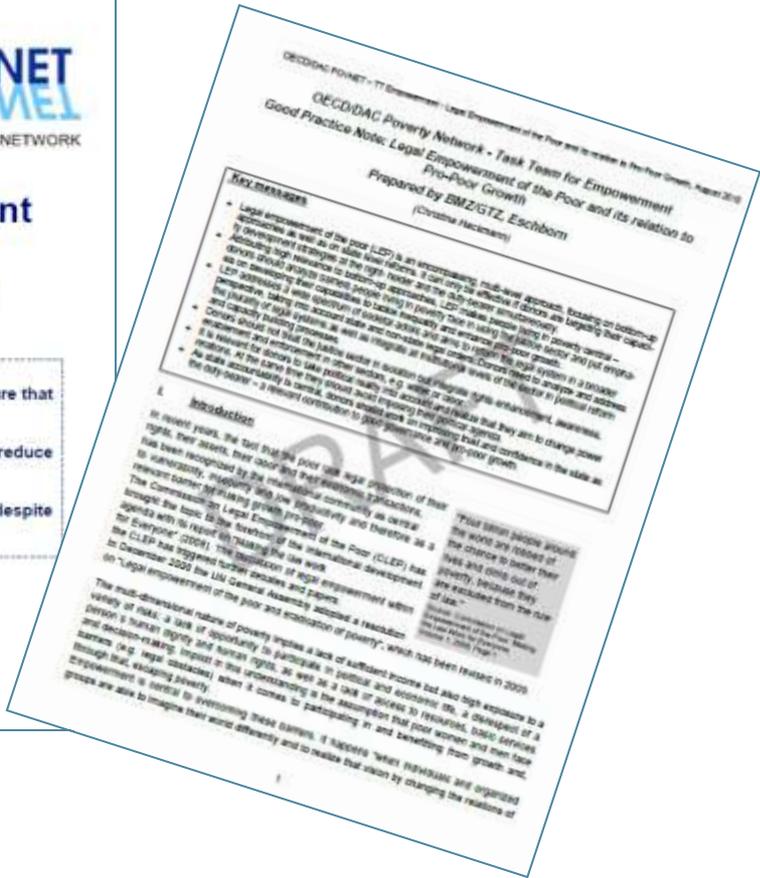


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