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Women, Business and the Law (WBL), in collaboration with the Global Financing Facility (GFF), has collected data on laws affecting women's and girls' access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), as well as frameworks supporting their implementation. Data were collected through desk research and a questionnaire administered to country experts. The analysis is organized around five indicators. For each indicator, the legal framework is assessed based on domestic laws and regulations. The supportive framework is assessed based on instruments—such as national policies, strategies, and guidelines—that are currently in effect and support the implementation of these laws.

INDICATOR		WHAT DOES IT MEASURE?	
		<i>Legal Frameworks</i>	<i>Supportive Frameworks</i>
	SRH rights	Right to SRH; guaranteed access to free SRH services without discrimination	Existence and contents of an operational SRH policy or strategy
	Violence against women and girls (VAWG)	Prohibition of female genital mutilations (FGM)	Adoption of measures to eradicate FGM
	Family planning	Absence of legal restrictions on SRH services, such as the need for consent from a husband, male guardian, parent or third party	Family planning guidelines or protocols
	Comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)	Legal mandates for CSE in schools	Guidelines for delivery of CSE in schools
	Right to education	Girls' legal right to attend school during pregnancy and after childbirth	Policies to keep girls in school and allow pregnant and parenting students to attend school

LEGAL AND SUPPORTIVE FRAMEWORKS

Chad has a comprehensive and defined framework for:

SRH RIGHTS

The legal right to SRH is guaranteed under *Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction*, which also guarantees access to SRH services and prohibits discrimination in access to SRH services based on sex or gender, age, or marital status.

The *Plan National de Développement Sanitaire (PNDS 4) 2022-2030* aims to reduce fertility rates by 2030 by increasing access to family planning methods, particularly for marginalized groups.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

FGM is a criminal offense, triggering monetary penalties and up to five years of imprisonment.

FAMILY PLANNING

No explicit legal provisions require women to obtain consent from their husband or male guardian, or adolescents to obtain parental or a legal guardian's consent to access SRH services. Similarly, the law does not require any third-party consent that may restrict access to SRH.

The *Politique et Normes des Services en Matière de Planification Familiale 2021* set out the standards to facilitate access to contraception for the entire population.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

The *Code Pénal* imposes a monetary penalty for the head of a school or training school who refuses to recruit a student because of pregnancy or to reinstate her in the school cycle after giving birth.

POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

The data reveal gaps in Chad's legal and supportive frameworks across the five indicators assessed. Strengthening these frameworks can help accelerate the country's progress toward gender equality and to improve health outcomes for women, children, and adolescents.

Chad may wish to consider translating the following gaps into policy opportunities:

SRH RIGHTS

While the law guarantees access to SRH services, it does not guarantee free provision. Moreover, the *Plan National de Développement Sanitaire (PNDS 4) 2022-2030* does not explicitly include and budget SRH service provision and awareness or sensitization campaigns.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

While FGM is prohibited, the law does not explicitly criminalize its performance or parents or guardians who allow their children to undergo FGM, nor does it address cross-border FGM.

No measures aimed at preventing or eradicating FGM have been adopted.

FAMILY PLANNING

The law does not guarantee access to SRH services in case practitioners raise conscientious objections.

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION

The law does not mandate the provision of CSE in schools.

Guidelines for the delivery of CSE in schools and awareness-raising and sensitization campaigns on SRH rights have not been adopted.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Policies to keep girls in school or to allow pregnant or parenting students to attend school have not been adopted.

WBL SRH LEGAL FRAMEWORKS DATA

	QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
SRH Rights	1.1 Does the law provide for the right to sexual and reproductive health?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Arts. 1-4
	1.2 Does the law guarantee access to sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Arts. 7 et 8
	1.2.1 If the answer to question 1.2 is Yes, does the law guarantee access to sexual and reproductive health services free of cost?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	1.3 Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to sexual and reproductive health services based on sex/gender?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Art. 3
	1.4 Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to sexual and reproductive health services based on age?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Art. 3
	1.5 Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to sexual and reproductive health services based on marital status?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Art. 3
VAWG	2.1 Does the law criminalize FGM?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Arts. 9 et 18
	2.1.1 If the answer to question 2.1 is Yes, is the individual performing the FGM procedure criminally responsible?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	2.1.2 Is a parent or legal guardian criminally responsible for allowing FGM to be performed on a minor under their legal custody?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	2.2 Does the law criminalize cross-border FGM?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Family Planning	3.1 Is the law free of provisions requiring a husband or male guardian to consent for a woman to access sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Art. 4
	3.2. Is the law free of provisions requiring parental or a legal guardian's consent for an adolescent to access sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Art. 4
	3.3 Is the law free of provisions requiring any other form of third-party consent to access sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	Loi N° 006/PR/2002 du 15 avril 2002 portant promotion de la santé de reproduction, Art. 4
	3.4 Does the law guarantee sexual and reproductive service delivery in case practitioners raise conscientious objections?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
CSE	4.1 Does the law mandate comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in schools?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Right to Education	5.1 Does the law provide for the right of pregnant girls to attend school?	Yes	Code Pénal, Art. 369
	5.2 Does the law provide for the right of adolescent girls to attend school after childbirth?	Yes	Code Pénal, Art. 369

WBL SRH SUPPORTIVE FRAMEWORKS DATA

	QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
SRH Rights	1.1 Has the government adopted a sexual and reproductive health policy or strategy?	Yes	Plan National de Développement Sanitaire (PNDS 4) 2022-2030; Engagement du Gouvernement du Tchad dans le Cadre de Partenariat Mondial FP2030
	1.1.1 If the answer to question 1.1 is Yes, does the policy or strategy include the provision of sexual and reproductive health services among its targets/strategic actions?	No	Insufficient evidence located
	1.1.2 If the answer to question 1.1 is Yes, does the policy or strategy include awareness campaigns among its targets/strategic actions?	No	Insufficient evidence located
VAWG	2.1 Has the government adopted measures aimed at eradicating FGM?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Family Planning	3.1. Has the government published guidelines on family planning?	Yes	Politique et Normes des Services en Matière de Planification Familiale 2021
CSE	4.1 Has the government published guidelines for the delivery of CSE in schools?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Right to Education	5.1 Has the government adopted policies to keep girls in schools?	No	Insufficient evidence located
	5.2 Has the government adopted policies to allow pregnant students to attend school?	No	Insufficient evidence located
	5.3 Has the government adopted policies to allow adolescent parenting students to attend school?	No	Insufficient evidence located

