



Introduction

Dear __Data:FirstName__ __Data:LastName__,

Welcome to the World Bank Group's *Women, Business and the Law 2027 Violence against Women* questionnaire for __Data:Survey_Economy__. We truly value your time and contribution.

This questionnaire asks you to:

- **Review and validate information on laws** addressing four forms of violence against women: child marriage, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and femicide;
- **Share your perception** of how well these laws are enforced; and
- **Review and validate information on policy instruments** that support the implementation of these laws.



For your convenience, the questionnaire already contains answers and sources from the [WBL database](#) (last updated on October 1, 2025), reflecting the information published by WBL. Please review them and provide updates as needed, including any relevant laws or policy instruments that are in force as of March 31, 2026.



The questionnaire takes approximately 30 minutes to complete if the provided information does not require updates.



You can save your progress and return at any time using the same questionnaire link.



We recommend completing this questionnaire on a desktop or laptop for optimal user experience.



If collaborating with other colleagues or experts, please ensure that only one person accesses the questionnaire at a time due to technical limitations.



Watch our [tutorial](#) for a guided overview of the questionnaire platform's features.

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Demographic Information		
Gender:	__Data:Gender__	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Prefer not to say
Age group:	__Data:AgeGroup__	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below 25 • 25-35 • 36-45 • 46-55 • Over 55 • Prefer not to say
Professional and Educational Information		
Position: e.g. <i>manager, associate, partner</i>	__Data:Position__	
Professional background:	__Data:ProfessionalBackground__	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic/researcher • Civil society representative • Gender expert • Graduate student in law • Legal professional • Policy or development professional • Other • Prefer not to say
Years of experience: <i>Years of experience refers to the amount of time an individual has spent working in</i>	__Data:YearsOfExperience__	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 2 years • 2-5 years • 6-10 years • 11-20 years • Over 20 years • Prefer not to say



<i>a relevant field or profession.</i>		
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Hypothetical Country Scenarios – Instructions and Assumptions

Instructions


This part of the questionnaire presents various scenarios in a hypothetical country, **Country A**. For each scenario, you will be asked to assess the extent to which laws are enforced or rights are upheld based on the details provided. This part of the questionnaire asks for your own **perceptions** and **does not require any additional research**.

Assumptions

- For the purposes of this questionnaire, it is assumed that the questions focus on a woman residing in the main business city of Country A.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the woman in question has reached the legal age of majority and is capable of making decisions as an adult, is in good health and has no criminal record.
- The woman in question is a lawful citizen.

Definitions

- **Enforcement:** Actively ensuring compliance with the law. This term refers to both the practical implementation of laws and the legal obligation to uphold them.
- **Public authorities:** Executive, regulatory, and judicial bodies responsible for implementing, monitoring, and upholding laws.

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Hypothetical Country Scenarios

Hypothetical Scenario: In Country A, all forms of domestic violence are criminalized, and specialized police units for handling domestic violence claims exist in some districts, but they tend to respond only in the most extreme cases, usually when severe physical harm has already occurred. Further, they tend to be understaffed and underfunded. As knowledge of the legal requirements is generally not widespread among law enforcement, when claims of domestic violence do make it to court, they are often dismissed, and courts and law enforcement encourage women to resolve these matters privately.

Question: *In your opinion*, to what extent do public authorities enforce laws prohibiting domestic violence in Country A, in practice?

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully

Hypothetical Scenario: In Country A, all forms of domestic violence are criminalized, and specialized police units for handling domestic violence claims exist and respond to most cases. However, due to limited resources, they sometimes prioritize more severe cases of physical violence over others. The government has provided a small budget to provide survivors with some access to legal aid and to train law enforcement on recognizing and prosecuting cases of domestic violence. Many women come forward and report their cases but some still worry that their claims will not receive adequate attention, and the police and law enforcement might downplay their situation or suggest handling it privately. When cases go to court, convictions of perpetrators are common but not guaranteed.

Question: *In your opinion*, to what extent do public authorities enforce laws prohibiting domestic violence in Country A, in practice?

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Hypothetical Scenario: In Country A, all forms of domestic violence are criminalized, and authorities have been responding promptly and consistently to most cases, regardless of severity. Specialized police units dedicated to domestic violence operate effectively, although there are delays in handling cases due to high demand. A national action plan foresees a dedicated budget to provide survivors with access to legal aid and to train law enforcement on how to recognize and prosecute cases of all forms of domestic violence, giving specific attention to economic violence which had often gone unrecognized. When cases go to court, they typically end in the conviction of the perpetrator.


Question: *In your opinion*, to what extent do public authorities enforce laws prohibiting domestic violence in Country A, in practice?

- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately



- Mostly
- Fully



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Applicable Laws and Enforcement – Instructions and Assumptions

Instructions

In this part of the questionnaire, you will

1. Review pre-filled information on applicable laws in **__Data:Survey_Economy__** and provide updates as needed.
2. Share your opinion on how well these laws are enforced in practice. Please assess enforcement of the legislation shown in the prefilled fields, irrespective of any subsequent amendments or reforms. **Your opinion should be based solely on your experience and does not require any external research.**

Definition of “Source”

For legal questions, a source is the binding legal instrument that provides the basis for the answer (for example, a law, code, regulation, or decree).


In some cases, the pre-filled source may state **“No applicable provisions could be located.”** This means that, based on a review of relevant laws, the WBL team did not identify a legal provision that meets the criteria of the question. These statements do **not** rule out the possibility that relevant laws or restrictions exist in practice or outside codified sources.

Assumptions

- For the purposes of this questionnaire, it is assumed that the questions focus on a woman residing in the main business city, **__Data:Survey_City__**.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the woman in question has reached the legal age of majority and is capable of making decisions as an adult, is in good health and has no criminal record.
- The woman in question is a lawful citizen of the economy being examined.

For more information on how to answer the questions, please refer to the [methodology page](#) on our website.



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Applicable Laws – Instructions and Assumptions

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Section 1. Child Marriage

① *Child marriage refers to any formal marriage or informal union between a child under the age of 18 and an adult or another child.*

For the purpose of this section, it is assumed that the questions that follow apply to a girl who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated.

1.1. What are the legal ages of marriage for boys and girls?


“Legal age” refers to the age at which a person is free to marry without parental or an authority’s consent. The answer is 0 if parental or an authority’s consent to marry is needed at any age.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

	Answer	Source
Boys	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Girls	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

Do any of the answers and/or sources recorded in the WBL database need to be updated?
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	Updated Answer	Updated Source
Boys		
Girls		

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

1.2. Is the law free of parental consent exceptions to the legal age of marriage?

① *“Parental consent” refers to a legal provision which allows for an individual to marry before reaching the legal age of marriage if a parent or legal guardian gives their consent.*

The answer is “Yes” if no parental consent exceptions are allowed; the answer is “No” if parental consent exceptions are allowed.



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1.3. What are the minimum ages of marriage with parental consent for boys and girls?

① This question refers to the minimum age at which individuals may get married with parental consent. The answer is N/A if there are no parental consent exceptions to the legal age of marriage.

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Boys	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Girls	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

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	Updated Answer	Updated Source
Boys		
Girls		

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1.4. Is marriage under the legal age void or voidable?

Underage marriage is considered “void” if there are provisions in the law stating that marriages in violation of the age requirements are null and void. Void marriages are marriages that are deemed invalid and have no legal effect from the beginning. Underage marriage is considered “voidable” if there are provisions in the law that allow for the annulment of marriages of girls and boys in violation of the age requirements. This means that the marriage is initially valid but can be declared invalid by a court.

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1.5. Are there penalties for adults who authorize, celebrate, register, or enter into child marriage?




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1.6. In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce legislation addressing child marriage, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully

Section 2. Sexual Harassment

“Sexual harassment” refers to any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favor, or verbal or physical conduct or gesture of a sexual nature that might reasonably be expected or perceived to offend or humiliate another human being.

2.1. Is there legislation on the following forms of sexual harassment with criminal penalties or civil remedies?

① Civil remedies refer to, for example, compensation for victims.


Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

	Answer	Source
Sexual harassment in employment ① <i>It is assumed that the question applies to a woman who is a cashier in the food retail sector, in a supermarket or grocery store that has 60 employees.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Sexual harassment in education/schools ① <i>Sexual harassment in education refers to any form of sexual harassment in both public and private higher education institutions. The legislation must be applicable to, but not necessarily only to, students over the age of 18. It is assumed that the question applies to a student.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Sexual harassment in public places (or on transportation) ① <i>Sexual harassment in public places refers to any form of sexual harassment in public places, including streets, public areas or venues, or on transportation. Laws that limit their applicability to the service provider, for example a transportation company, and do not address sexual harassment committed by the users of the service are not</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

taken into account. "Sexual harassment in public spaces" does not include loitering outside the area where the victim resides, works, or carries business.		
Cyberharassment or cyberstalking ⓘ Cyberharassment or cyberstalking refers to any act directed at assisting in or committing any form of violence, including abusive comments, threats, sexual harassment, harassment, or stalking perpetrated through the internet or other electronic means, including applications. Laws that limit their applicability to service providers committing cyberharassment or cyberstalking against users or individuals holding public office, the government, or the police, are not taken into account.	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

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	Updated Answer	Updated Source
Sexual harassment in employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	
Sexual harassment in education/schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	



Sexual harassment in public places (or on transportation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	
Cyberharassment or cyberstalking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

2.2. In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce legislation addressing sexual harassment, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully



Section 3. Domestic Violence

3.1. Does the law explicitly address domestic violence?

“Domestic violence” refers to gender-based violence (GBV) commonly directed against women, occurring in the private sphere, within the family or members of the same household, and within interpersonal relationships, including intimate partner violence. The abuse can consist of physical, emotional or psychological, sexual, or financial or economic actions or threats of actions.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
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3.2. Does legislation on domestic violence establish criminal penalties?

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Answer	Source
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3.3. Can a victim of domestic violence obtain a protection order?

A “protection order” is an official legal document issued to protect a victim from domestic violence, harm, or harassment. It may include, but is not limited to, removing the perpetrator from the home, prohibiting contact with the victim, and ordering the perpetrator to maintain a geographic distance from the victim.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
___Data:Answer___	___Data:Source___

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3.4. Does legislation on domestic violence address:


Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

	Answer	Source
Physical violence ① <i>Physical violence refers to contact intended to cause pain, injury, or other physical suffering or bodily harm, such as hitting, slapping, punching, choking, pushing, throwing objects, burning, and other types of contact that result in physical injury to the victim.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Sexual violence ① <i>Sexual violence refers to sexual acts, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or other acts directed against a person's sexuality using force or coercion.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Psychological/emotional violence ① <i>Psychological/emotional violence refers to behavior, including verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, or other acts that impair the victim's psychological or emotional integrity.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Financial/economic violence ① <i>Financial/economic violence refers to acts to control, limit, or prevent the other partner's access to economic resources, such as to create financial dependence.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

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- Update both
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	Updated Answer	Updated Source
Physical violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	
Sexual violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	
Psychological/emotional violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	
Financial/economic violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	

Please add any additional comments in the box below.

3.5. Does the law criminalize marital rape?

The law explicitly criminalizes "marital rape" when it provides, for example, that rape or sexual assault provisions apply irrespective of the nature of the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim, by explicitly stating that no marriage or other relationship shall constitute a defense to a charge of rape or sexual assault under the legislation, or by explicitly covering spouses as potential offenders of the crime.

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3.6. Does the law allow a woman to file a criminal complaint for rape or sexual assault against her husband or partner?

① This question is meant to establish whether legislation on rape entitles a woman to file a complaint for rape against anyone, including her husband or partner, and spouses are not excluded from its application.


Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • N/A
Please indicate the new or different source in the text box below, including all relevant links. Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if "Update source only" OR "Update both" is selected.
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3.7. *In your opinion*, to what extent do public authorities enforce legislation addressing domestic violence, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully



Section 4. Femicide

Femicide” refers to the intentional killing of a woman with a gender-related motivation. Femicide can take many forms, including, murder of women as a result of intimate partner violence; torture and misogynist slaying of women; killing of women and girls in the name of “honor,” among others.

4.1. Does the law specifically criminalize femicide (the intentional killing of a woman with a gender-related motivation)?

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
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4.2. If the answer to 4.1 is No, does the law provide for aggravated penalties for the intentional killing of women?


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not my area of expertise
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Please indicate the new or different source in the text box below, including all relevant links.  Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if "Update source only" OR "Update both" is selected.
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4.3. In your opinion, to what extent do public authorities enforce legislation addressing femicide, in practice?

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- Not at all
- Rarely
- Moderately
- Mostly
- Fully

Are there any specific challenges to the enforcement of laws in practice relevant to this survey that you would like to highlight?



Policy Instruments – Instructions

Instructions

In this part of the questionnaire, you will review information on policy instruments that support the implementation of laws and provide updates as needed.

Policy instruments may include national policies and action plans, access to justice measures, government programs and services, and institutions responsible for monitoring and enforcing laws. Only instruments that are in place and operational should be considered.

Definition of “Source”

For policy instrument questions, a source is the document or official reference that provides the basis for the answer. Sources can include, for example, the title of an action plan and its issuing agency, the names of institutions, courts, police units, governmental agencies, or NGOs funded by the government providing services to women affected by violence.

In some cases, the pre-filled source may state “**Insufficient evidence located.**” This means that, based on a review of relevant documents and official sources, the WBL team could not identify documentary evidence that meets the requirements of the question. This does **not** rule out the possibility that the policy instrument exists in practice or that relevant information may be available through informal or unpublished sources.





Section 1. National Action Plans and Strategies

1.1. Is there an action plan or strategy on violence against women?

① *This question is meant to establish whether a specific action plan or strategy on violence against women, or a gender strategy that has a section on violence against women, is in place and operational.*

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

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Section 2. Access to Justice

2.1. Are there special police or prosecutorial units on violence against women?

This question is meant to establish whether police units or prosecutorial units with specialized expertise and mandate in the prosecution of cases of violence against women are in place and operational.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
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2.2. Are there special courts or procedures for cases of violence against women?

This question is meant to establish whether special courts with thematic jurisdiction on cases of violence against women or special rules of procedure for cases of violence against women, such as fast-track procedures or closed court hearings, exist.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

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2.3. Is legal aid provided for cases of violence against women?

"Legal aid" refers to legal advice, assistance, or representation for women survivors of violence. For the purposes of this question, legal aid should be at least partially funded or provided by the government directly or through an NGO or other organizations (financed by the government).

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
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Section 3. Services

3.1. Does the government provide or fund the following services for women affected by violence?


For the purposes of this question, the services should be administered or at least partially funded by the government. Services provided by NGOs or other organizations not financed by the government are not considered.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

	Answer	Source
Shelters	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Physical health services	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Psychological services	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__
Livelihood support services <i>① Livelihood support services may include assistance finding employment, skill development through education and vocational training, financial assistance, etc.</i>	__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

Do any of the answers and/or sources recorded in the WBL database need to be updated?
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Please provide updates only for the underlying questions that require changes, including all relevant links. Leave fields blank if no update is needed.

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	Updated Answer	Updated Source
Shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No 	
Physical health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	
Psychological services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes No 	
Livelihood support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes No 	

Please add any additional comments in the box below.





Section 4. Monitoring

4.1. Is there an institutional mechanism to monitor the implementation of legislation, national plans, and/or programs on violence against women?

This question is meant to establish whether a specific government mechanism or agency monitors the implementation of laws, plans, or programs addressing violence against women. Examples include agencies or institutional mechanisms tasked with collecting data on cases of violence against women, reporting to parliaments, monitoring survivors' access to justice and services, or analyzing the impacts of laws and policies.

Please review the answer and source recorded in the WBL database (last updated on October 1, 2025):

Answer	Source
__Data:Answer__	__Data:Source__

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What is the updated answer?
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No
Please indicate the new or different source in the text box below, including all relevant links.
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Acknowledgement

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Would you like us to acknowledge a colleague or expert you collaborated with on this questionnaire?

- Yes
- No

How many additional colleagues or experts would you like to add?

Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if the answer to the previous question is “Yes”.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Additional colleague/expert(s): If there are more people whom you would like us to acknowledge, enter their information here. If this includes more than three people, kindly send us an email at wblvaw@worldbank.org

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Name		
Title:	<input type="text"/>	
First name:	<input type="text"/>	Yes/No
Last name:	<input type="text"/>	Yes/No
Demographic Information		
Gender:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Prefer not to say 	



Age group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below 25 • 25-35 • 36-45 • 46-55 • Over 55 • Prefer not to say 	
Professional and Educational Information		
Position: <i>e.g. manager, associate, partner</i>		
Professional background:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic/researcher • Civil society representative • Gender expert • Graduate student in law • Legal professional • Policy or development professional • Other • Prefer not to say 	
Years of experience: <i>Years of experience refers to the amount of time an individual has spent working in a relevant field or profession.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 2 years • 2-5 years • 6-10 years • 11-20 years • Over 20 years • Prefer not to say 	
Highest level of education obtained:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's • Master's • PhD • Other • Prefer not to say 	
Contact Information		
Firm/Institution name:		Yes/No
Firm/Institution website:		
Email address:		
Business phone:		Yes/No
Mobile phone:		

Referrals: Please help us by referring us to other experts who can respond to the questionnaire.

	First name	Last name	Firm	Phone	Email
Referral 1					



Referral 2					
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Engagement and Feedback

On behalf of the *Women, Business and the Law* (WBL) team, we thank you for your contribution to the WBL 2027 report. Your support is essential to ensuring data quality, and we appreciate your continued engagement.

Interest in contributing to other topics

1. Please indicate any additional topic that you would be interested in contributing to:

- ☐ Family Law
① Examines laws affecting women's agency, entrepreneurship, mobility, and access to property.
- ☐ Labor Law and Laws on Provision of Childcare Services
① Examines laws affecting women's ability to enter, remain in, and leave the labor force. Also examines laws affecting women's ability to access affordable and quality childcare services.

Women, Business and the Law impact

1. Please share any stories or insights on how WBL data has impacted women's lives in your country.

2. What are the benefits of responding to WBL questionnaires? Please select the top three options based on your preference.

- ☐ Building expertise in gender equality and women's economic empowerment
- ☐ The opportunity to contribute to high quality data and research produced by the World Bank
- ☐ Interest in being a member of a global network of experts
- ☐ Acknowledgement on the website
- ☐ Obtaining a certificate of completion
- ☐ Helping to reform laws in my country to empower women and girls
- ☐ Other

If "Other", please specify:

Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if "Other" is selected.

Questionnaire feedback

1. How would you rate your overall experience completing the questionnaire?

- Very positive
- Positive
- Neutral (Neither positive nor challenging)
- Challenging

1.2 Please share with us what made it challenging to respond in the text box below.

Skip Logic: This question should only be answered if "Challenging" is selected.

2. In your opinion, which aspects of the questionnaire could be improved? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Questionnaire design
- ☐ Questionnaire length



- ☐ Communication around the questionnaire (reminders, follow up)
- ☐ Instructions on how to complete the questionnaire
- ☐ Timeframe to complete the questionnaire
- ☐ Other

Please specify:

3. Please share any additional comments or insights with the WBL team.

If you wish to invite your colleagues to participate in the WBL questionnaire, please encourage them to complete the [“Share your expertise”](#) form available on our website.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire!

We sincerely appreciate your participation in the *Women, Business and the Law* project.

The results will be published on our website: <https://wbl.worldbank.org>

Your work will be gratefully acknowledged if you so choose.