



THE LAW OF THE LAND AND THE CASE FOR WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS

In more than half of all countries, laws or customs hinder women's ownership or access to land, undermining women's empowerment.



15 Countries where women do not have equal ownership rights to property

34 Countries where daughters do not have equal inheritance rights

35 Countries where widows do not have equal inheritance rights

90 Countries where customs inhibit women's access to land

Yet, globally more than 400 million women farm

The percent of employed women who work in agriculture:



Flip over for more on how women, families and communities benefit from women's land rights.

A BETTER WORLD STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS

PROSPEROUS

Women with strong property and inheritance rights earn up to **3.8 times more income**



NOURISHED

Children whose mothers own land are up to **33% less likely to be severely underweight**



EDUCATED

Families where women own more land devote **more of their budget to education**



SAFER

Women who own land are up to **8 times less likely to experience domestic violence**



RESILIENT

Where women's property and inheritance rights are stronger, women's **individual savings are up to 35 percent greater**



HEALTHY

Children in households where women own land are up to **10% less likely to be sick**



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