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:

- **70%** in South Asia
- **60%** in Sub-Saharan Africa

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

For sources, go to:
www.landesa.org/resources/property-not-poverty
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