Can Economic Growth Include Women in the Global South?

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Preliminary Findings About Economic Growth and Women’s Empowerment from the Demographic and Health Surveys

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“Women around the world increasingly participate in economic activities, but they continue to face significant challenges in pursuing better paid, productive jobs, and in accumulating assets. These include deeply rooted restrictive social norms that limit their choices and access to opportunities, and the lack of recognition and value given to their dual roles as caregivers and breadwinners.”
Measuring Economic Development
Economic development

- GDP/capita
- Human Development Index
- Inequality Adjusted Human Development Index
- Gender Development Index
- Gender Inequality Index
- Gender Empowerment Measure
- Multidimensional Poverty Index
Measuring Women’s Well Being
Participating in Household Decision Making

Women’s participation in making household decisions regarding:

- Major Purchases
- Women’s Own Mobility
- Women’s Own Health Care
Objections to Wife Beating

Objections to wife beating when wife:

- goes out without telling her husband
- neglects the children
- argues with her husband
- refuses to have sex with her husband
- burns the food

Examples:

- Cambodia: 3.6 in 2014
- Dominican Republic: 4.9 in 2013
Preliminary Findings
Decision Making
Objections to Wife Beating