ERITREA GENDER LANDSCAPE

This briefing showcases the gender landscape in Eritrea on key indicators helpful for monitoring gender equality and designing effective policy interventions. Gender equality fosters productivity gains, minimizes losses in wealth, reduces poverty, boosts shared prosperity, and supports green, resilient, and inclusive development. Eritrea is a Fragile, Conflict, or Violence (FCV) impacted country with high instituional and social fragility.

Click the measures below to explore the World Bank Gender Data Portal.

Compared to:	Base Year	Region
>10% Higher Value	↗	
Equal/No Change	→	
>10% Lower Value	↘	
No Data	---	

	Country Performance					Peer Comparison		
	Baseline			Latest		Latest		
	Value	Year		Value	Year	SSA	LIC	World
HUMAN ENDOWMENTS								
Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling Female	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA
Literacy rate (% 15+) Female	54.8	2008	↗	**68.9**	2018	59.4	54.1	83.3
Male	75.1	2008	↗	**84.4**	2018	72.5	68.9	90.1
Primary completion rate (% of relevant group) Female	70.2	2010	↘	**56.2**	2018	68.8	64.3	89.9
Male	82.3	2010	↘	**64.2**	2018	71.9	69.1	90.3
Fertility rate, total (births per woman)	4.57	2010	↘	**3.93**	2020	4.56	4.49	2.39
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women 15-19)	66.6	2010	↘	**47.0**	2020	98.0	91.8	41.0
Pregnant women receiving prenatal care of at least four visits (% of pregnant women)	57.4	2010	---	**NA**	NA	54.3	45.9	NA
Mortality from chronic vascular disease, cancer, diabetes or cardiorespiratory disease between 30 and 70 (%) Female	25.7	2010	→	**24.3**	2019	20.1	21.7	14.8
Male	33.7	2010	↘	**29.5**	2019	22.7	25.4	21.7
Prevalence of HIV (% 15-24) Female	0.40	2010	↘	**0.20**	2020	1.68	0.94	0.40
Male	0.20	2010	↘	**0.10**	2020	0.74	0.46	0.20
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY								
Labor force participation rate (% 15+, modeled ILO estimate) Female	73.4	2010	→	**70.2**	2021	60.2	56.8	46.3
Male	85.7	2010	→	**83.6**	2021	71.7	74.9	71.7
Wage and salaried workers (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate) Female	11.2	2010	↗	**13.8**	2019	18.8	13.2	54.6
Male	13.0	2010	→	**13.8**	2019	30.4	24.9	53.0
Employment in agriculture (% of employment, modeled ILO estimate) Female	73.4	2010	→	**68.3**	2019	52.6	63.4	25.3
Male	62.0	2010	→	**58.7**	2019	53.2	56.9	27.6
Share of youth not in education, employment or training (% of youth population) Female	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA
Male	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA
Age dependency ratio (% of working-age population)	76.9	2010	→	**79.4**	2011	82.6	82.8	54.6
Financial institution account (% 15+) Female	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	20.5	63.7
Male	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	28.7	70.6
Borrowed to start, operate, or expand a farm or business (% 15+) Female	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	10.6	5.26
Male	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	12.8	7.57
Firms with female participation in ownership (% of firms)	4.20	2009	---	**NA**	NA	28.0	23.3	33.1
VOICE AND AGENCY								
Firms with female top manager (% of firms)	7.60	2009	---	**NA**	NA	16.2	12.2	17.8
Proportion of seats held by women in national parliaments (%)	22.0	2010	→	**22.0**	2019	25.9	24.1	26.1
Women who were first married by 18 (% of women 20-24)	40.7	2010	---	**NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA
Proportion of women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months (% of ever-partnered women 15-49)	NA	NA	---	**NA**	NA	NA	NA	NA

Note: The Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) region includes 48 countries (all income levels), as classified by The World Bank Group. Eritrea is a low income (LIC) country, which includes 27 countries with a Gross National Income (GNI) per capita from $0 to $1,045 (calculated using the World Bank Atlas method). Data and definitions can be found on the Gender Data Portal. Data is as of June 24, 2022.

Country Baseline provides a reference from 1990 to 2010. Latest Value shows the latest available value from 2011 onwards. The arrow icon represents country increases or decreases over 10 percent relative to the base year. Peer Comparison shows how Eritrea performs relative to its peers in the region, income group, and the world. Color coding represents values 10 percent above or below its peers in the region.
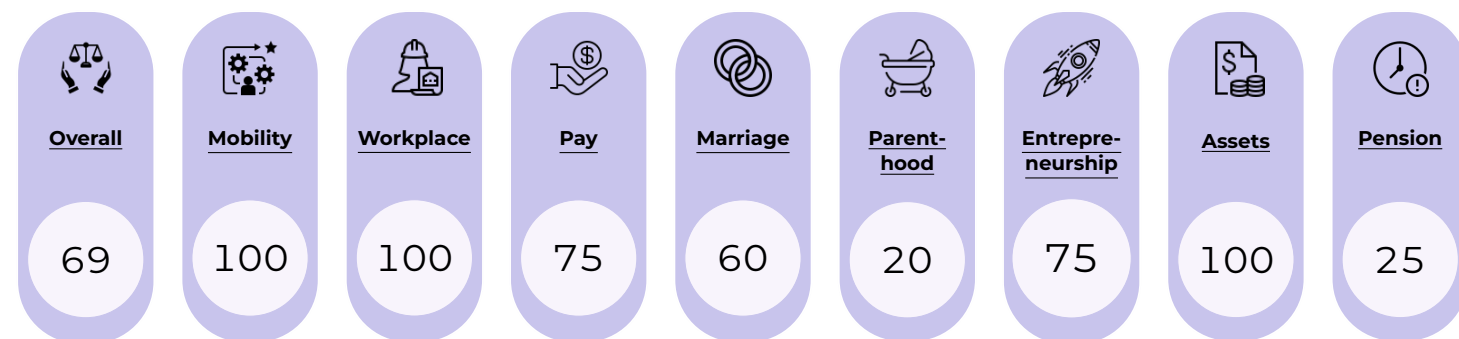
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Women, Business and the Law in Eritrea

Women, Business and the Law (WBL) 2022 presents an index covering 190 economies, structured around the life cycle of a working woman. In total, 35 questions are scored across eight indicators. **Eritrea scores 69 out of 100,** while the regional average across Sub-Saharan Africa is 80.

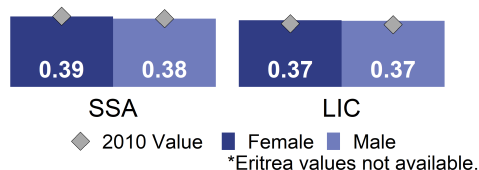| Overall	Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parent-hood	Entrepre-neurship	Assets	Pension
69	100	100	75	60	20	75	100	25

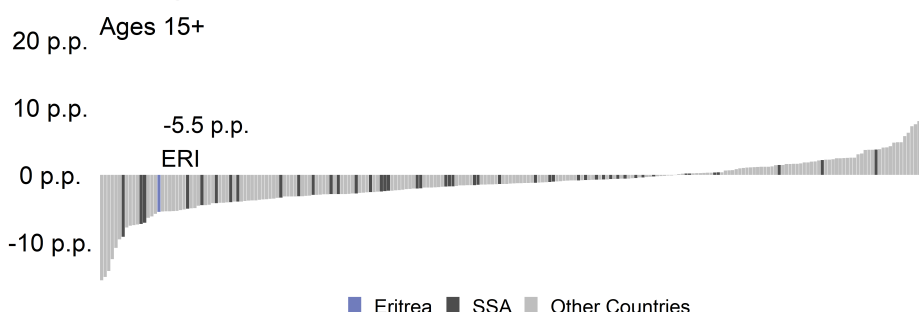## A Closer Look at Gender Equality in Eritrea

Despite some progress, gender gaps, gender-based violence, and disadvantageous social norms facing women and girls persist, and gains in human capital of women and girls remain untapped. Turning human capital investments into economic gains means addressing multiple barriers to women's economic empowerment, including improving their voice and agency.

Human Capital Index Score (0-1)
Baseline compared to 2020

	SSA		LIC	
	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.37

◆ 2010 Value ■ Female ■ Male
*Eritrea values not available.

Change in Female Labor Force Participation 2010-2020 (p.p.)
Ages 15+

20 p.p.
10 p.p.
-5.5 p.p.
ERI
0 p.p.
-10 p.p.

■ Eritrea ■ SSA ■ Other Countries

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48 percent

A girl has a 48 percent chance of not completing lower secondary school **(2018)**

13 points

Men and women have a 13 percentage point gap in labor force participation **(2021)**

3.5 times

Men hold 3.5 times as many seats in the national parliament as women **(2019)**

17 in 20

17 in 20 women ages 15 to 49 are in positions of vulnerable employment **(2019)**

LEARN MORE

The World Bank in Gender: This portal features the latest research, news, and events around gender equality in international development.

Women, Business and the Law: This portal includes reports, data, and news on the laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunity.

World Bank Group Gender Strategy (FY16-FY23): This 2015 report outlines the World Bank Group's strategy to promote gender equality.

World Bank Gender Data Portal: This open data tool shares the latest statistics and research to improve understanding and inform policy choices.

AFR Gender Innovation Lab: This page features policy research by the GIL, evaluating innovative solutions to close priority gender gaps in the region.