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Inheritance rights of women: How to protect them and how succession laws vary

Women who are widowed at a younger age are likely to carry that stigma with them for decades. Customary tenure was dependent on the societal systems matrilineal, patrilineal and more specifically on the custom of settling after marriages uxorilocal, virilocal.

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Throughout this report, a pseudonym is used in place of the name of each widow to protect her privacy.

Inheritance Practices, Investment Incentives and Women's Control Over Land in Rural Kenya

The authors note that the 1996 South African Constitution states that everyone has a right to equal treatment and therefore it has a uniform standard of treatment for everyone. We could not travel to Harare again, it was too expensive, and so I asked a relative to look into it for me.

Inheritance Practices, Investment Incentives and Women's Control Over Land in Rural Kenya

Women access land through their natal families and men receive land through their wives.

Janse van Rensburg, AM 'The true capacity of women under customary rule to acquire land: An exposé on the law, land and the rules of succession' (2003) 14 Stellenbosch Law Review 282

Officials at the land ministry asked us to try to work it out, but she goes into her house and closes the door. Laws governing intestate succession should automatically provide spouses a share of the estate, including a life interest and right to reside in the marital home. Section 5 1 b states that the magistrate may fix marriage consideration in consultation with the guardian of the woman.

Culture, rural women and land rights in Ghana

During the rule of the British Raj in India, as a matter of colonial policy, it was politically expedient for the British to not interfere with existing personal law insofar as they related to family and inheritance rights alone. In patrilineal societies with virilocal marriages, unmarried female members are allocated land through male members. This practice is known in Nandi culture as woman-to-woman marriage and was at issue in the case of.

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While such records do not carry the same legal weight as government-issued title deeds, written documents defining the boundaries of family land and identifying the landholder can help men and women defend their rights in cases of ownership conflicts Machira et al. But, as pointed out in the article, this act is rarely enforced and the Hindu brothers routinely cheat their Hindu sisters of their due shares by taking advantage of the widespread ignorance among Hindu women regarding their inheritance rights.

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