Gender Equality in Middle East & North Africa

based on Women, Business & Law indexing data (WBL)1



Legislation addressing domestic

violence exists Married woman is not

> legally required to obey her husband

similar to a man Woman can obtain a

judgment of divorce similar to a man Woman has same

rights to remarry as

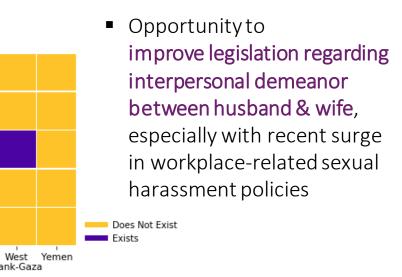
a man

Algeria Bahrain Djibouti Egypt

Iran

Woman can be "head of household"

- MENA scores significantly lower than other regions on Assets, Marriage, Mobility & Workplace on average
- Besides Malta, all MENA economies have implemented <= 60% marriage-related policies, with 11 out of 20 implementing at most 1 policy
- There may be correlation between relatively high Entrepreneurship score and more popular 'head of household' policies



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