WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW 2024

Haiti



Women, Business and the Law 2024 (WBL 2024) identifies barriers for women's economic empowerment in three areas: women's legal rights, policy instruments designed to support the implementation of these rights, and how these rights are realized in practice. For that purpose, three new *Women, Business and the Law* 2.0 indexes are presented for ten indicators: (1) legal frameworks, (2) supportive frameworks, and (3) expert opinions. For the WBL 2.0 legal frameworks index, 40 questions are scored across the ten indicators for 190 economies. For the WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks index, 30 questions are scored across the ten indicators for 190 economies. Overall economy level legal and supportive frameworks scores are then calculated by taking the average of each indicator, with 100 representing the highest possible score. The WBL 2.0 expert opinions index is created for a total of 164 economies. Expert opinion scores are not available for 26 economies due to an insufficient number of responses received from those economies during data collection. Individual responses at the economy level for 15 expert opinions questions across the ten indicators are scored by taking the median value of all responses per question. The economy level expert opinions index is equal to the simple unweighted average of the ten indicator scores.

For Haiti, data refer to the legal frameworks, supportive frameworks, and expert opinions that are applicable to the main business city (Port au Prince). The scores for Haiti are shown in the table below.

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WBL 2.0	Safety	Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parenthood	Childcare	Entrepren- eurship	Assets	Pension
Legal frameworks score	0.0	75.0	75.0	100.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	25.0	75.0	75.0
Supportive frameworks score	25.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
Expert opinions score	0.0	50.0	18.8	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	62.5	25.0

Women, Business and the Law 2024 2.0 indicator scores

In summary, the **WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score** for Haiti (52.5 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (64.2) and lower than the Latin America & Caribbean regional average (69.1). When it comes to laws affecting women's pay, Haiti obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Haiti is on the indicator measuring laws affecting women's safety. To improve on the Safety indicator, Haiti may wish to consider putting in place legislation on domestic violence, introducing legislation on femicide, adopting comprehensive legislation on sexual harassment and introducing legislation on child marriage.

The **WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score** for Haiti (20.8 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (39.5) and lower than the Latin America & Caribbean regional average (38.6). Haiti does not attain a perfect score on any of the WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks indicators. There is room for improvement across all ten indicators. As an example, one of the lowest scores for Haiti is on the indicator measuring supportive frameworks affecting women's decisions to work. To improve on the Workplace indicator, Haiti may wish to consider publishing guidelines on non-discrimination based on gender in





recruitment, publishing guidelines on flexible work arrangements and establishing a specialized body that receives complaints about gender discrimination in employment.

The **WBL 2.0 expert opinions score** for Haiti (28.1 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (65.7) and lower than the Latin America & Caribbean regional average (61.8). Haiti does not attain a perfect score on any of the WBL 2.0 expert opinion indicators. There is room for improvement across all ten indicators. As an example, one of the lowest scores for Haiti is on the indicator measuring expert opinions on women's safety.

WBL 2.0 legal frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
Safety		
Does the law address child marriage?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law address sexual harassment?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law address domestic violence?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law address femicide?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Mobility		
Can a woman choose where to live in the same way as a man?	No	Décret du 8 octobre 1982 fixant un nouveau statut à la femme mariée, Art. 5
Can a woman travel internationally in the same way as a man?	Yes	Loi du 19 septembre 1953 sur l'immigration et l'émigration, Arts. 21, 22 et 23
Can a woman travel outside her home in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Do a woman and a man have equal rights to confer citizenship on their spouses and their children?	Yes	Constitution Haïtienne de 1987, Arts. 11, 12, 12.1 et 12.2
Workplace		
Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Décret du 8 octobre 1982 fixant un nouveau statut à la femme mariée, Art. 2
Does the law explicitly prohibit discrimination in recruitment based on marital status, parental status, and age?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law prohibit discrimination in employment based on gender?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 3
Does the law allow employees to request flexible work?	Yes	Loi du 11 septembre 2017 portant organisation et réglementation du travail sur la durée de vingt-quatre (24) heures, répartie en trois (3) tranches de huit (8) heures, Art. 5
Рау		
Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 317
Can a woman work at night in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Can a woman work in a job deemed dangerous in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Can a woman work in an industrial job in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Marriage		
Is the law free of legal provisions that require a married woman to obey her husband?	Yes	Décret du 8 octobre 1982 fixant un nouveau statut à la femme mariée, Art. 2
Can a woman be "head of household" or "head of family" in the same way as a man?	Yes	No restrictions could be located
Can a woman obtain a judgment of divorce in the same way as a man?	No	Code Civil, Arts. 216 et 265
Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man? Parenthood	No	Code Civil, Art. 213
Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	No	Code du Travail, Art. 321





Are leave benefits for mothers paid solely by the government?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 321
Is paid leave available to fathers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 330(b)
Childcare	163	
Does the law establish the provision of center-based childcare	No	No applicable provisions could be located
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Does the law establish any form of support for families for childcare services?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish any form of support for nonstate childcare providers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law establish quality standards for the provision of center-based childcare services?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Entrepreneurship		
Can a woman undertake entrepreneurial activities in the same way as a man?	Yes	Décret du 8 octobre 1982 fixant un nouveau statut à la femme mariée, Art. 2
Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law prescribe a gender quota for corporate boards?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Does the law include gender-sensitive procurement provisions for public procurement processes?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Assets		
Do a woman and a man have equal administrative power and ownership rights to immovable property, including land?	No	Décret portant réforme des régimes matrimoniaux du 9 avril 2020, Art. 1203; Décret du 8 octobre 1982 fixant un nouveau statut à la femme mariée, Art. 8; Décret-loi du 11 janvier 1944 sur la femme mariée qui travaille, Art. 1
Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Code Civil, Art. 605
Do male and female surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Code Civil, Art. 627
Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Décret portant réforme des régimes matrimoniaux du 9 avril 2020, Arts. 1186-1193
Pension		
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with full pension benefits the same?	Yes	Loi du 28 août 1967, Art. 183
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with partial pension benefits the same?	Yes	Loi du 28 août 1967, Arts. 184 et 186
Is the mandatory retirement age for a woman and a man the same?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
Are periods of absence due to childcare accounted for in pension benefits?	No	No applicable provisions could be located

WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks data

QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
Safety		
Has the government developed comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are special procedures in place for cases of sexual harassment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is a government entity responsible for monitoring and implementing national services, plans and programs addressing violence against women?	Yes	Ministère de la Condition Féminine et Droits de la Femme
Is an annual budgetary allocation devoted to violence against women risk mitigation, prevention, and response programs?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Mobility		





Are passport application processes the same for a woman and a man?	No	Procédures de demande de passeport
Are the application processes for official identity documents the same for a woman and a man?	Yes	ID application procedures
Does a current policy or plan explicitly consider the specific mobility needs of women in public transportation?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Workplace		
Does a specialized body receive complaints about gender discrimination in employment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published guidelines on nondiscrimination based on gender in recruitment?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published guidelines on flexible work arrangements?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Pay		
Are pay transparency measures or enforcement mechanisms in place to address the pay gap?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Have sex-disaggregated data on employment in different industries or sectors been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Marriage		
Is there a fast-track process or procedure for family law disputes?	Yes	Code Civil, Arts. 268-277; Décret du 14 septembre 1983, Art. 1
Are there specialized family courts?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is legal aid available for family law disputes?	Yes	Bureau d'Assistance Légale
Parenthood		
Is it possible to apply for maternity benefits through a single government application process?	Yes	Code du Travail, Art. 324
Are incentives in place to encourage fathers to take paternity leave on the birth of a child?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Have sex-disaggregated data on unpaid care work been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Childcare		
Is there a publicly available registry or database of childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by parents?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is there a clearly outlined application procedure to request financial support from the government for childcare services by nonstate childcare providers?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Has the government published any reports on the quality of childcare services?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Entrepreneurship		
Have sex-disaggregated data on business activities, entrepreneurship, or women-owned businesses been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are government-led programs supporting female entrepreneurs providing access to finance and training, coaching, or business development?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Does a current national government plan or strategy focus on women's access to financial services?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Assets		
Are mechanisms or incentives in place to encourage women to register immovable property (including joint titling)?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are awareness measures in place to improve women's access to information about marital and inheritance rights?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Have anonymized sex-disaggregated data on property ownership been published?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Pension		





Is a procedure in place for pension beneficiaries to challenge Yes Loi du 28 août 1967, Art. 266 the decisions of the competent authority regarding their benefits?	Are incentives in place to increase women's retirement benefits?	No	Insufficient evidence located
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WBL 2.0 distribution of expert opinion responses

	Almost no women Some women About half of all women	Most women	Almost all v	women ■(No	Response)	
	C	%	100%			
Safety	In practice, are women free from gender-based violence?	6	2.5%	25.	0% 12.5%	
Mobility	In practice, do women enjoy the same freedom of movement as men?	50.0%	%	37.5%	12.5%	
Workplace	In practice, do women enjoy the same opportunities to enter the workplace as men?	25.0%		62.5%	12.5%	
Work	In practice, do women enjoy the same opportunities to remain in the workplace as men?	50.0%		37.5%	12.5%	
Å	In practice, do women and men enjoy equal remuneration for work of equal value?	25.0%		62.5%	12.5%	
Pay	In practice, do women and men have equal access to high paying jobs?	25.0%		75.0%		
Marriage	In practice, do women and men enjoy equal rights during marriage?	12.5%	50.0%		37.5%	
Marr	In practice, do women and men enjoy equal rights when getting a divorce?	25.0%		62.5%	12.5%	
Parenthood	In practice, do women have access to paid leave for the birth of a child?	12.5% 3	7.5%		12.5%	
Paren	In practice, do men have access to paid leave for the birth of a child?*	50.0%	%	37.5%	12.5%	
Child- care	In practice, do women have access to affordable and quality childcare services?	37.5%		62.5%		
Entrepreneurship	In practice, do women enjoy the same opportunities to start and run a business as men?	37.5%		50.0%	12.5%	
Entrepre	In practice, do women and men have equal access to credit?	12.5%	50.0%	12.5%	12.5% 12.5%	
Pension Assets	In practice, do women and men enjoy equal rights to immovable property?	12.5% 25.0%	% 12.5%	25.0%	25.0%	
Pension	In practice, do women and men enjoy equal pension benefits after retirement?	25.0%	50.0)%	25.0%	

*Note: The response options for the second Parenthood question above are formatted as almost no men, some men, about half of all men, most men, almost all men.

