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Program Evaluation Learning Resources

World Happiness Report by John F. Helliwell, Richard Layard and Jeffrey D. Sachs

The World Happiness Report is a landmark survey of the state of global happiness that ranks 156 countries by how happy their citizens perceive themselves to be. This year's World Happiness Report focuses on happiness and the community: how happiness has evolved over the past dozen years, with a focus on the technologies, social norms, conflicts and government policies that have driven those changes.

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

<u>Catalysts of Change: Out-of-School Time STEM Programs for Underrepresented Youth</u>

<u>Tips for Evaluating Equity-focused STEM Education Programs that have Good Intentions but Mixed Results</u>

Parallels of Evaluation and Project Management

Speaking Truth to Power in Three NSF Evaluation Contexts

<u>Defying Stereotype Narratives on who can do STEM: Lessons from a Historically Black College and University (HBCU)</u>

<u>Building Capacity of STEM Evaluators: The Landscape of People and Resources</u> in the Field

When to Post on Social Media – and Does It Matter?

Strengthening the Field of Philanthropic Evaluation

To Midpoint or Not to Midpoint: That is the Question

Identifying Scammers in Online Studies

Perfecting Stakeholder Involvement



Upcoming Events

March 27

Center for Culturally Responsive Evaluation and Assessment (CREA) 5th International Conference, Chicago, Illinois, USA

May 26

Canadian Evaluation Society Annual
Conference 2019
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

September 15

Australian Evaluation Society 2019
International Evaluation
Conference: Evaluation un-boxed,
Sydney, Australia

Useful Sites

Eustat

U.S. Data and Statistics

Examples of Evaluation Projects
Impact Evaluation of the Women's
Leadership in Small and Medium
Enterprises Activity in India, USAID,
March 2019

Midterm Performance Evaluation of Myanmar Defeat Malaria Activity, USAID, February 2019

Relevant Publications

Women, Business and Law 2019: A Decade of Reform by World Bank Group

Women, Business and the Law 2019: A Decade of Reform examines numerous questions by building a time-series measuring gender discrimination across 187 economies over the past ten years. With the understanding that women's access to employment and entrepreneurial activity is related to many factors, this study focuses on how women must navigate discriminatory laws and regulations at every point in their careers, limiting their equality of opportunity. To gain new insight into how women's employment and entrepreneurship choices are affected by legal gender discrimination, this study examines ten years of Women, Business and the Law data through an index structured around the economic decisions women make as they go through different stages of their working lives. This perspective yields interesting results. Six economies—Belgium, Denmark, France, Latvia, Luxembourg and Sweden score 100 in the Women, Business and the Law index, meaning they give women and men equal legal rights in the measured areas. A decade ago none of these economies scored 100, indicating they all reformed over the past ten years.

The average global score is 74.71, indicating that a typical economy gives women only three-fourths the legal rights of men in the measured areas. For example, the average score in the Middle East and North Africa is 47.37, meaning the typical economy in that region gives women less than half the legal rights of men in the measured areas. Another way to interpret this information is the average economy does not give women equality of opportunity in approximately nine of the 35 data points examined in the index. And in the Middle East and North Africa the average economy does not give women equality of opportunity in approximately 17 of the 35 data points examined.

The Women, Business and the Law index is based on statistically significant associations with outcomes related to women's economic empowerment, in particular with women's labor force participation as well as with other outcomes of interest. In addition to the association of indicators with outcomes, Women, Business and the Law employs a thorough review of the economic literature to support each indicator. This review demonstrates how legislation influences women's equality of opportunity during different phases of their working lives and affects economic outcomes. Finally, each Women, Business and the Law indicator is supported by the international legal framework on women's human rights as set out in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).



Recommended Reading

The Right to Water Harrowing Journeys: Children and youth on the move across the Mediterranean Sea, at risk of trafficking and exploitation by IOM

For children and youth on the move via the Mediterranean Sea routes to Europe, the journey is marked by high levels of abuse, trafficking and exploitation.

Some are more vulnerable than others: those travelling alone, those with low levels of education and those undertaking longer journeys. Most vulnerable of all are those who come from sub-Saharan Africa.

These findings come from a new UNICEF and International Organization for Migration (IOM) analysis of the journeys of some 22,000 migrants and refugees, including some 11,000 children and youth, interviewed by IOM.