

Cambodia

WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score	WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks score	WBL 2.0 expert opinions score
55.0	40.0	71.3

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 Cambodia, data refer to the legal frameworks, supportive frameworks, and expert opinions that are applicable to the main business city (Phnom Penh). The scores for Cambodia are shown in the table below.

Women, Business and the Law 2024 2.0 indicator scores

										
WBL 2.0	Safety	Mobility	Workplace	Pay	Marriage	Parenthood	Childcare	Entrepreneurship	Assets	Pension
Legal frameworks score	0.0	100.0	50.0	75.0	75.0	25.0	0.0	50.0	100.0	75.0
Supportive frameworks score	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Expert opinions score	25.0	100.0	87.5	100.0	75.0	87.5	25.0	87.5	100.0	25.0

In summary, the **WBL 2.0 legal frameworks score** for Cambodia (55.0 out of 100.0) is lower than the global average (64.2) and lower than the East Asia & Pacific regional average (57.8). When it comes to constraints on freedom of movement and laws affecting women's property and inheritance, Cambodia obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Cambodia is on the indicator measuring laws affecting women's safety. To improve on the Safety indicator, Cambodia 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 Cambodia (40.0 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (39.5) and higher than the East Asia & Pacific regional average (33.9). When it comes to supportive frameworks related to women starting and running a business, supportive frameworks affecting women's property and inheritance and supportive frameworks affecting the size of a woman's pension, Cambodia obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Cambodia is on the indicator measuring supportive frameworks affecting women's safety. To

improve on the Safety indicator, Cambodia may wish to consider developing comprehensive mechanisms to address violence against women, putting in place special procedures for cases of sexual harassment, designating a government entity responsible for the monitoring and implementation of national services, plans and programmes addressing violence against women, providing an annual budgetary allocation towards violence against women risk mitigation and prevention and response programs.

The **WBL 2.0 expert opinions score** for Cambodia (71.3 out of 100.0) is higher than the global average (65.7) and higher than the East Asia & Pacific regional average (64.8). When it comes to expert opinions on freedom of movement, expert opinions on women's pay and expert opinions on women's property and inheritance, Cambodia obtains a perfect score (100.0 out of 100.0). As an example, one of the lowest scores for Cambodia 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?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 966
Can a woman travel internationally in the same way as a man?	Yes	Sub-Decree No. 569, Art. 1
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	Law on Nationality, Art. 4 and 5
Workplace		
Can a woman get a job in the same way as a man?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 6 and 967
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	Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Art. 36; Labor Code Art. 12
Does the law allow employees to request flexible work?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Pay		
Does the law mandate equal remuneration for work of equal value?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
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	Civil Code, Art. 966
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?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 978-984 (Subsection II)
Does a woman have the same rights to remarry as a man?	No	Civil Code, Art. 950
Parenthood		



Is paid leave of at least 14 weeks available to mothers?	No	Labor Code, Arts. 182 and 183; Prakas on Revision of Arts. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of Prakas No. 109 LV/PRK., dated 17 March 2016, on Health Care Benefits, Art. 7.1
Are leave benefits for mothers paid solely by the government?	No	Labor Law, Arts. 182 and 183; Prakas on Revision of Arts. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of Prakas No. 109 LV/PRK., dated 17 March 2016, on Health Care Benefits, Art. 7.1
Is paid leave available to fathers?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Is dismissal of pregnant workers prohibited?	Yes	Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Art. 46
Childcare		
Does the law establish the provision of center-based childcare services?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
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	Civil Code, Arts. 6, 49 and 50
Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to credit based on gender?	Yes	Criminal Code, Art. 265
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?	Yes	Civil Code, Arts. 974 and 976; Constitution, Art. 44; Land Law 2001, Arts. 4, 5, 6, 8 and 66
Do sons and daughters have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1156
Do male and female surviving spouses have equal rights to inherit assets?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 1161
Does the law provide for the valuation of nonmonetary contributions?	Yes	Civil Code, Art. 980(3)
Pension		
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with full pension benefits the same?	Yes	Sub-Decree 32 on Social Security Scheme of Pension for Persons Under Labour Law, Art. 13
Are the ages at which a woman and a man can retire with partial pension benefits the same?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
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

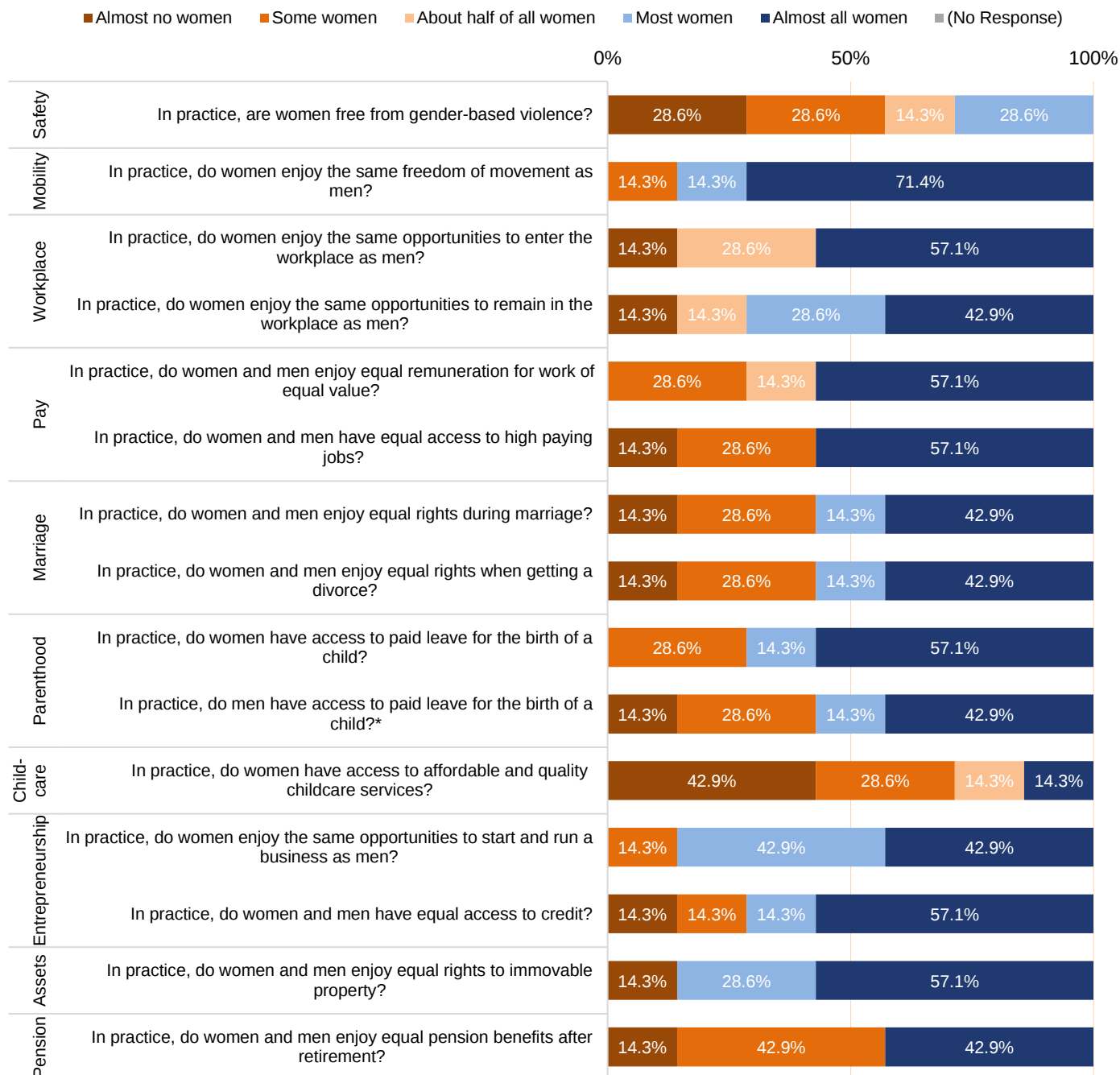
WBL 2.0 supportive frameworks data

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?	No	Insufficient evidence located

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?	Yes	Passport application procedures
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?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Are there specialized family courts?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Is legal aid available for family law disputes?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Parenthood		
Is it possible to apply for maternity benefits through a single government application process?	No	Insufficient evidence located
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?	Yes	Cambodia Socio-Economic Survey 2021
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?	Yes	Ministry of Planning
Are government-led programs supporting female entrepreneurs providing access to finance and training, coaching, or business development?	Yes	Cambodian Women Entrepreneurs Scheme (CWES); Women Entrepreneurs Guarantee Scheme (WEGS); MOU to Elevate SME Capacity and Capability Building
Does a current national government plan or strategy focus on women's access to financial services?	Yes	The Cambodia Financial Inclusion Roadmap (2018-2025)
Assets		
Are mechanisms or incentives in place to encourage women to register immovable property (including joint titling)?	Yes	Civil Code of Cambodia, Arts. 973 and 974; Prakas on Matrimonial Property Contract Registration Procedure
Are awareness measures in place to improve women's access to information about marital and inheritance rights?	Yes	Cambodia Women Entrepreneurs Association

Have anonymized sex-disaggregated data on property ownership been published?	Yes	National Institute of Statistics
Pension		
Are incentives in place to increase women's retirement benefits?	Yes	Sub-Decree 32 on Social Security Scheme of Pension for Persons Under Labour Law, Art. 32
Is a procedure in place for pension beneficiaries to challenge the decisions of the competent authority regarding their benefits?	Yes	Prakas No. 177 LV/PrK, dated 18 August 2010, consisting of Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (Representative of Government) and Representatives of employer and of employee, Arts. 1 and 2

WBL 2.0 distribution of expert opinion responses



*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.