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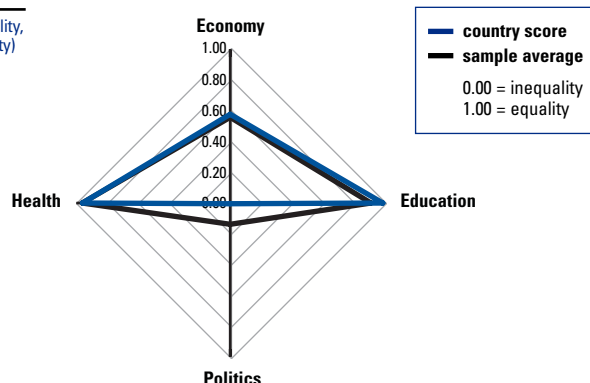
## Gender Gap Index 2006

Rank **86** Score **0.634**

(out of 115 countries) (0.00 = inequality, 1.00 = equality)

### Key Indicators

Total population (millions), 2005 .....	2.70
GDP (US\$ billions), 2005.....	74.60
GDP (PPP) per capita .....	16,301
Population growth (%) .....	3.44
Mean age of marriage for women (years) .....	25
Overall population sex ratio (male/female).....	1.52
Year women received right to vote .....	—
Fertility rate (births per woman) .....	2.50



## Gender Gap Subindexes

	Rank	Score	Sample average	Female	Male	Female-to-male ratio	
<b>Economic Participation and Opportunity</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>0.577</b>	<b>0.596</b>				
Labour force participation .....	91	0.58	0.69	49%	85%	0.58	
Wage equality for similar work (survey) .....	23	0.74	0.64	—	—	0.74	
Income (PPP US\$) .....	101	0.35	0.52	8,448	24,204	0.35	
Legislators, senior officials, and managers .....	—	—	0.37	—	—	—	
Professional and technical workers.....	—	—	0.79	—	—	—	
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.993</b>	<b>0.939</b>				
Literacy rate .....	66	0.96	0.91	91%	94%	0.96	
Enrolment in primary education.....	1	1.00	0.97	87%	85%	1.03	
Enrolment in secondary education .....	1	1.00	0.94	80%	76%	1.05	
Enrolment in tertiary education .....	1	1.00	0.86	33%	12%	2.72	
<b>Health and Survival</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0.961</b>	<b>0.973</b>				
Sex ratio at birth (female/male) .....	1	0.94	0.94	49%	51%	0.96	
Healthy life expectancy (years).....	109	1.00	1.04	67.1	67.2	1.00	
<b>Political Empowerment</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>0.005</b>	<b>0.138</b>				
Women in parliament.....	110	0.02	0.22	2%	99%	0.02	
Women in ministerial positions.....	109	0.00	0.21	0%	100%	0.00	
Years with female head of state (last 50).....	41	0.00	0.04	0	50	0.00	

## Additional Data

### Maternity and Childbearing

Births attended by skilled health staff (%).....	—
Accessibility of government-provided childcare* .....	5.57
Contraceptive prevalence, married women (%).....	50
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births).....	6
Length of paid maternity leave .....	70 days
Maternity leave benefits (% wages paid).....	100
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births).....	5

### Education and Training

Female teachers, primary education (%).....	86
Female teachers, secondary education (%) .....	54
Female teachers, tertiary education (%) .....	23

### Employment and Earnings

Female adult unemployment rate (%).....	2
Women in non-agricultural paid labour (%).....	24
Enterprise-level policies to combat and prevent sexual harassment* .....	2.85
Ability of women to rise to enterprise leadership* .....	4.81

### Basic Rights and Social Institutions\*\*

Paternal versus maternal authority .....	0.80
Female genital mutilation.....	0.00
Polygamy .....	1.00
Legislation punishing acts of violence against women .....	0.50

\*survey data, responses on a 1-to-7 scale (1 = worst score, 7 = best score)

\*\*data on a 0-to-1 scale (1 = worst score, 0 = best score)