

## INDICATORS OF WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

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### ABSTRACT

Women's economic empowerment is a top priority in the work to reduce poverty. Women must be viewed, just as men are, as economic actors as well as obvious and necessary agents of change.

There is a growing understanding that, as the world is facing an unprecedented economic crisis, there will be serious consequences for women in poor countries and their children. These include higher infant mortality, more girls being withdrawn from school, and reduced women's income. At its heart lies the unequal nature of the economic structures of markets and financial systems which restrict women's economic opportunities compared to men's. Now a days everyone is talking about women empowerment. But the question is how to measure women empowerment. The paper attempts to discuss few indicators which reflect empowerment of women.

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