

GÉNERO Y ACTIVOS

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1) Main objective of the session:

To demonstrate the importance of women's ownership of assets to attaining gender equality and their economic empowerment.

2) Brief description or outline of subtopics that will be discussed in each lecture slot:

- Why assets?
- The distribution of asset ownership by sex in Latin America
- Gender and the distribution of wealth
- Assets and household bargaining power
- Summary

3) Learning objectives:

By the end of this session, students should appreciate that the distribution of assets by gender is an important indicator of gender inequality and that women's share of household wealth is a good proxy for their household bargaining power and economic empowerment. They will also gain familiarity with a range of methodological issues.

4) Contents or topics of the session or sessions:

- Why assets?
 - Conceptual issues: What are they, what do they do, why don't we know more
- The distribution of asset ownership by sex in Latin America
 - Data from household surveys on the distribution of homeownership & other assets
 - Why disaggregated data on individual ownership of assets is superior to household level data; problems with analyses based on headship
- Gender and the distribution of wealth
 - The Gender Asset Gap Project: Ecuador, Ghana & India

- Comparative data on women's share of wealth; the role of marital & inheritance regimes
- Asset poverty in Ecuador
- Assets and household bargaining power
 - Women's share of wealth and egalitarian decision-making (Ecuador)
 - Women's share of wealth and the incidence of physical violence (Ecuador & Ghana)
- Summary

5) Required Reading

Deere, Carmen Diana, Gina E. Alvarado, & Jennifer Twyman. 2018. "¿Dueñas o jefas de hogar? Analizando la desigualdad de género en la propiedad de activos en América Latina". *Cuestiones Económicas* 28: 13-39.

6) References (used in slide presentation)

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7) Supplementary Resources (including databases; average of 5-7 per session)

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Friedemann-Sánchez, Greta. 2006. "Assets in Intrahousehold Bargaining among Women Workers in Colombia's Cut-Flower Industry." *Feminist Economics* 12 (1-2): 247-270.

Kilic, Talip and Heather Moylan. 2016. "Methodological Experiment on Measuring Asset Ownership from a Gender Perspective (MEXA): Technical Report." Washington, D.C.: World Bank.

