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**MEASURING WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT:**

**Key Indicators**

**EMPLOYMENT**

A woman is empowered if she is in paid employment throughout the year.

- 41% of women nationally are empowered.
- 36% of women in rural areas are empowered.
- 49% of women in urban areas are empowered.

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

A woman is empowered if she has completed secondary or higher education.

- 25% of women nationally are empowered.
- 15% of women in rural areas are empowered.
- 40% of women in urban areas are empowered.

**HOUSEHOLD DECISION-MAKING**

A woman is empowered if she participates in decisions involving household spending, her own healthcare, and when to visit family & relatives.

- 81% of women nationally are empowered.
- 79% of women in rural areas are empowered.
- 83% of women in urban areas are empowered.

**ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS**

A woman is empowered if she has the ability to refuse sex.

- 74% of women nationally are empowered.
- 72% of women in rural areas are empowered.
- 78% of women in urban areas are empowered.

**ATTITUDES TOWARDS WIFE BEATING**

A woman is empowered if she doesn’t hold agreeable or neutral attitudes towards wife beating.

- 56% of women nationally are empowered.
- 48% of women in rural areas are empowered.
- 68% of women in urban areas are empowered.

**KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MODERN CONTRACEPTION**

A woman is empowered if she knows about at least two modern methods of contraception.

- 98% of women in rural areas are empowered.
- 99% of women nationally are empowered.
- 100% of women in urban areas are empowered.

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