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## ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION: A CROSS-COUNTRY ASSESSMENT

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### RESUMO

The necessity of legal services for good economic performance is a traditional topic in Law and Economics; moreover, recent literature emphasizes the role of access to justice in economic variables. However, the impact of different treatment of genders in economic and legal institutions are still open to evaluation. I argue that improving access to legal services for women leads to more verifiability of contract and thus incentives female work. By OLS and IV estimates for a cross-section sample of 162 countries. I find that the more access to justice for women, the more they participate in the labor force. This effect is mainly driven by non-young adults, and did not affect women as employed or self-employed due to organizational flexibility and informality.

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