

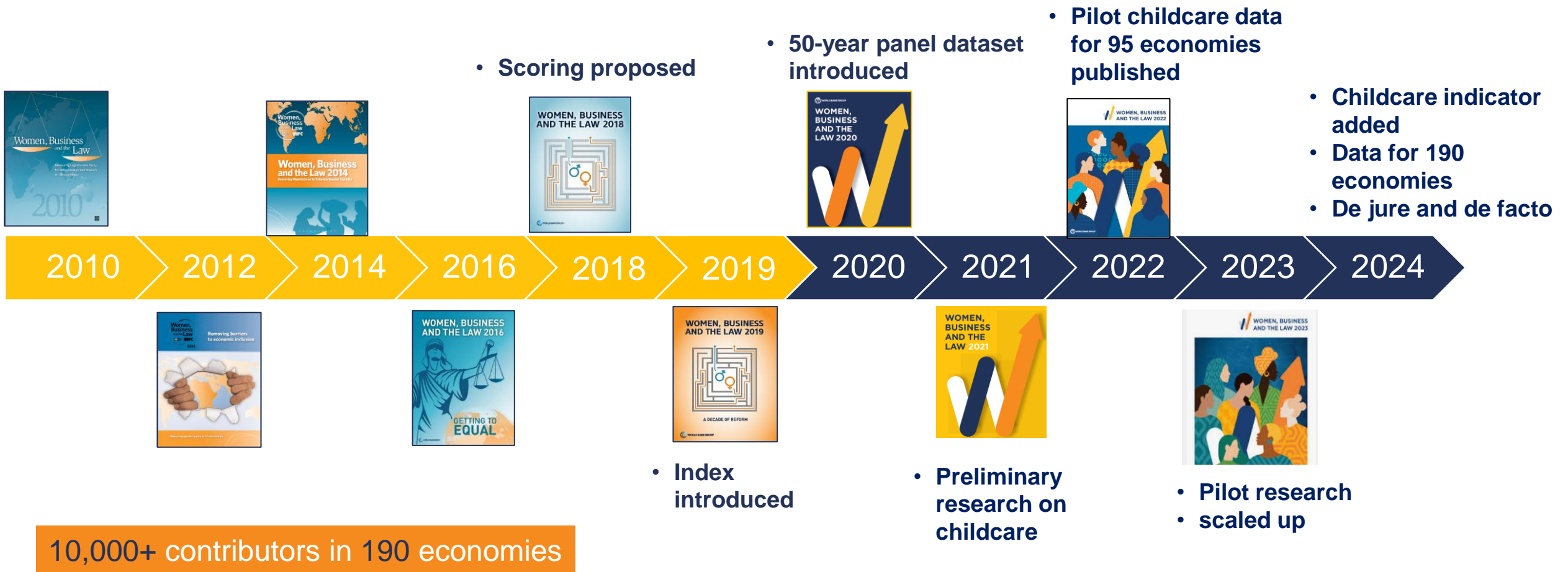
# WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW

## WBL 2024 Childcare Indicator

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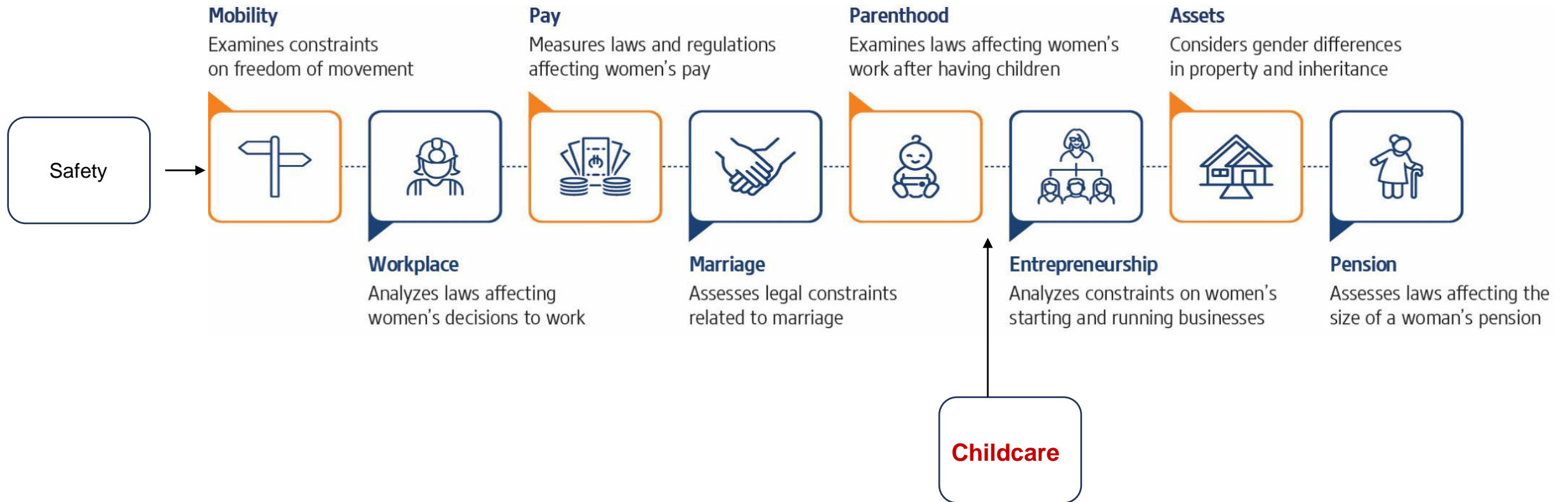
# MEASURING EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN



# LEGAL EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



## From eight to ten *Women, Business and the Law* indicators



# The new WBL legal frameworks-supportive frameworks-expert opinions approach



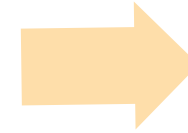
## STRUCTURE: LEGAL INDEX

- Example of questions*
1. Does the law establish the provision of center-based childcare services?
  2. Does the law establish any form of support for **families** for childcare services?
  3. Does the law establish any form of support to **non-state childcare providers**?
  4. Does the law establish **quality** standards for the provision of center-based childcare services?



## PROCESS: SUPPORTIVE FRAMEWORK INDEX

- Example of questions*
1. Is there a publicly available **registry or database** of childcare providers?
  2. Is there a clearly outlined application procedure for **parents** to request financial support for childcare services?
  3. Is there a clearly outlined application procedure for **non-state childcare providers** to request financial support for childcare services?
  4. Has the government published any reports on the **quality** of childcare services?



## OUTCOME: EXPERT OPINION INDEX

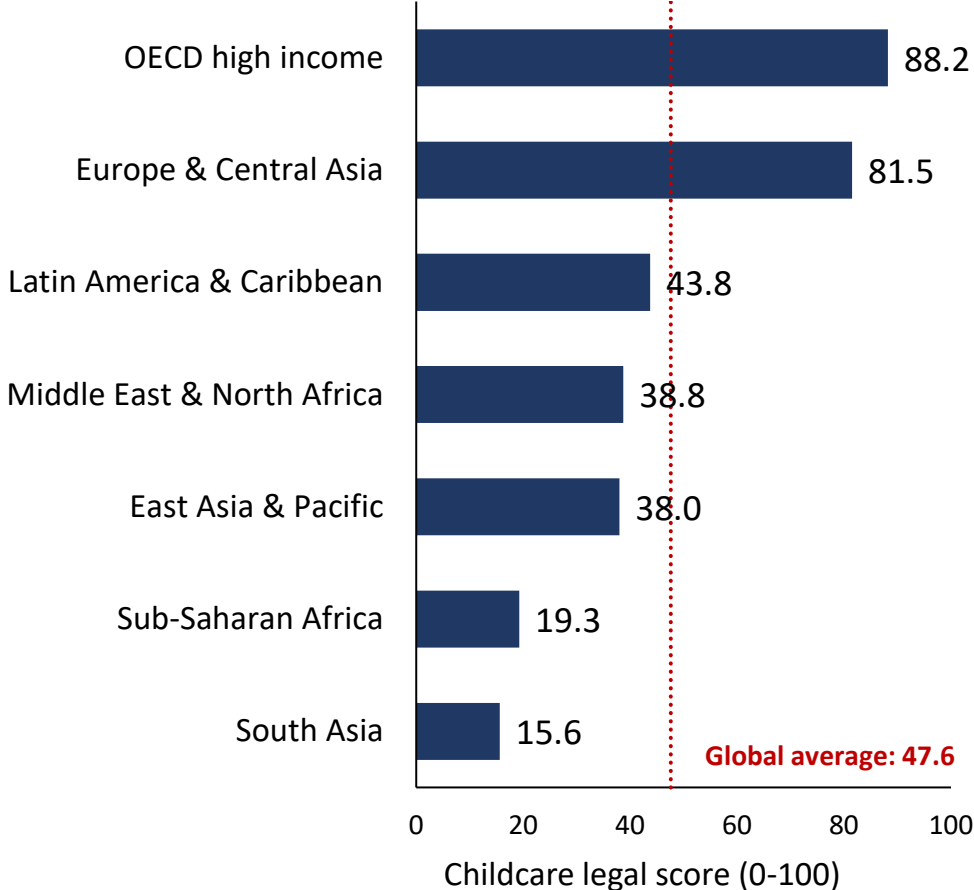
- **In practice, do women have access to affordable and quality childcare services?**
- 0 - Almost no women have access
  - 1 - Some women have access
  - 2 - About half of all women have access
  - 3 - Most women have access
  - 4 - Almost all women have access



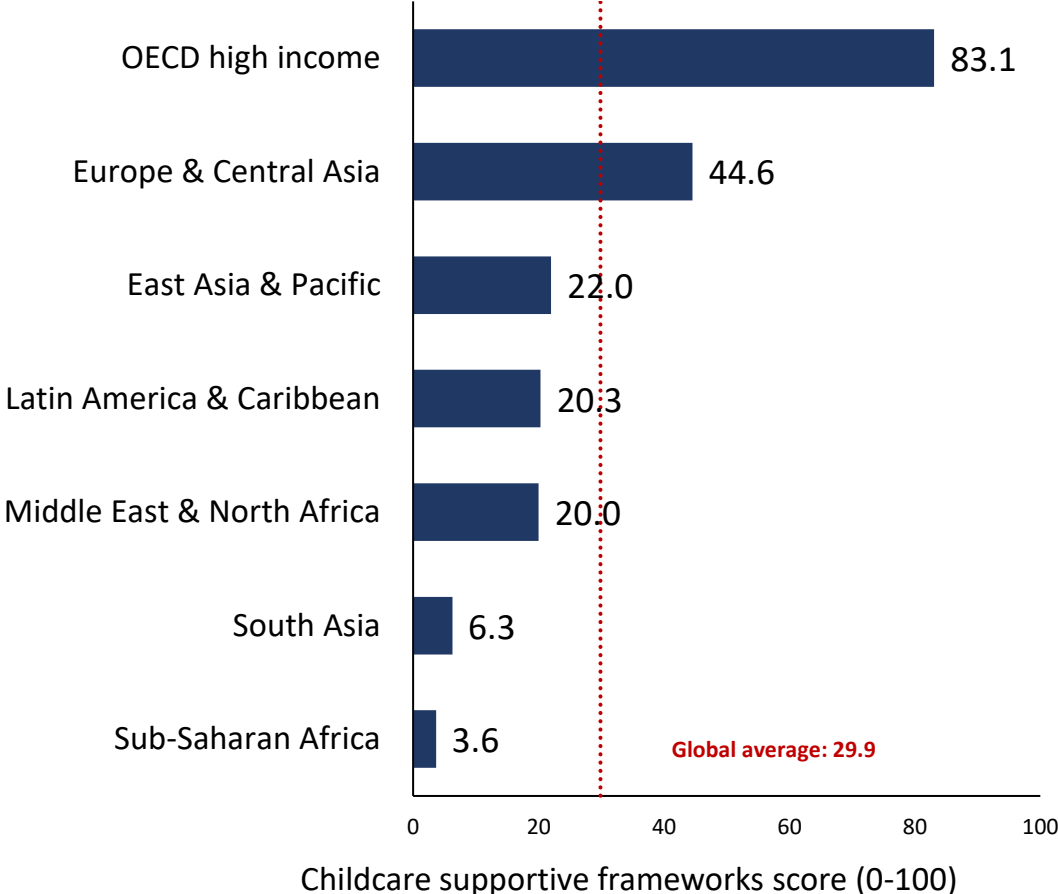
# CHILDCARE INDICATOR: PRELIMINARY RESULTS IN A NUTSHELL



Childcare legal score, by region



Childcare supportive frameworks score, by region



# TO YIELD A HIGHER IMPACT, DISSEMINATION OF DATA AND ANALYTICAL OUTPUTS REQUIRES A JOINT EFFORT



Working paper	<a href="#"><u>Filling the Gaps: Childcare Laws for Women's Economic Empowerment</u></a>
DECIG Policy Brief	<a href="#"><u>Government Financial Support for Childcare Services: A Study of Regulations in 95 Economies</u></a>
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Series of blogs	<p><a href="#"><u>Can the law promote provision and uptake of childcare?</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Filling the gaps: childcare laws for women's economic participation</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Three ways how governments can support affordable childcare</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>Childcare regulation and women's participation in the labor force</u></a></p>

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### Toward Available, Affordable, and Quality Childcare Services



#### Toward Available, Affordable, and Quality Childcare Services

Women, Business and the Law presents a novel and comprehensive pilot dataset on regulatory frameworks around availability, affordability, and quality of childcare services in 95 economies around the world. The new data is a stepping-stone in facilitating and informing policy dialogue around key demand and supply side avenues that limit or facilitate formal provision of childcare services, their affordability, quality, and uptake by parents. Pilot research presents a framework with options that governments may support to meet the needs of working mothers and families.

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