



Inequality and Gender: the IMF's Policy and Operational work



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1. Why the focus on inequality/gender issues
2. IMF analytical and policy work
3. IMF's engagement with member countries
4. How the IMF approaches inequality/gender issues at country level
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Why does the IMF focus on Inequality?

Because it is macro-critical

Productivity

Resource
allocation

Growth
and
Stability

Social
cohesion

Why does the IMF focus on gender?

Because it is macro-critical

Output and
productivity

Income
inequality

Growth
and
Stability

Economic
resilience

Analytical and policy work on Inequality: some examples

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What makes growth sustained?[☆]

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ABSTRACT
 We identify structural breaks in economic growth spells in periods of high growth preceded by low growth in the sample. Growth spells tend to be longer in countries with democratic institutions, export orientation, and avoidance of exchange rate instability.

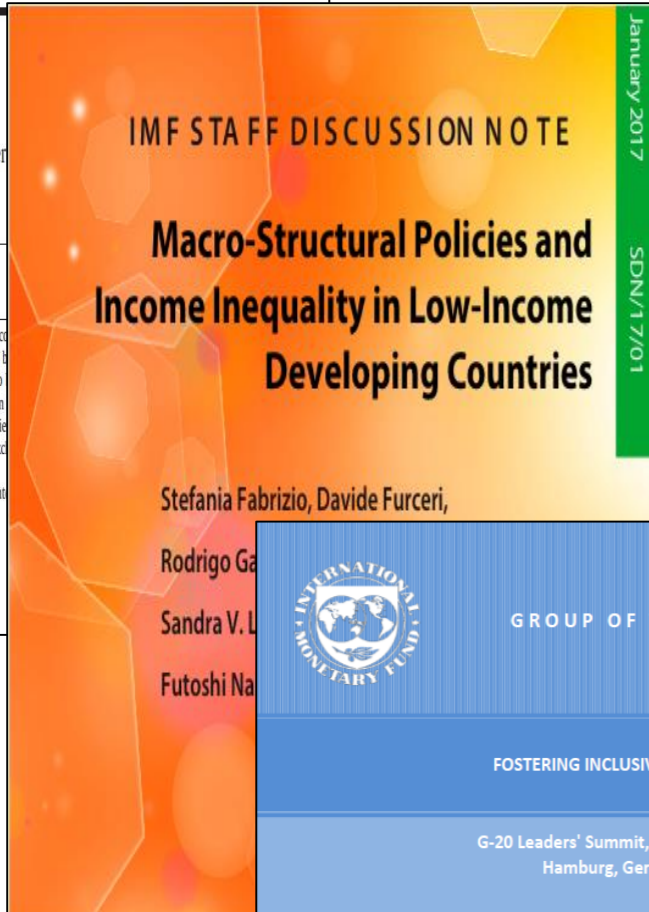
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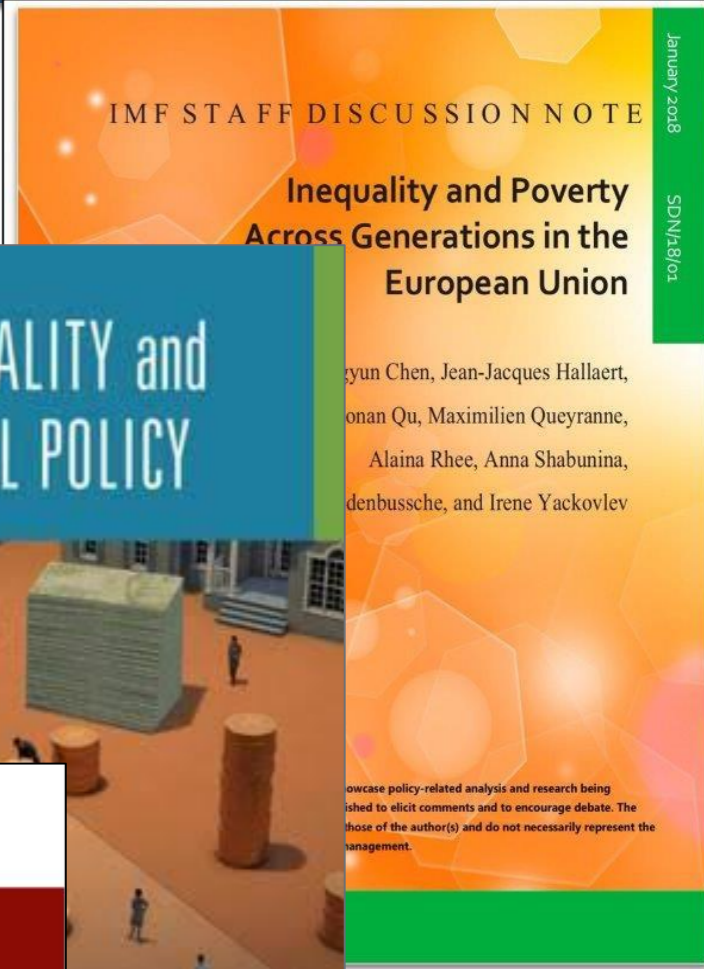
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Analytical and policy work on gender: some examples

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Unlocking Female Employment Potential in Europe

Fiscal Policies and Gender Equality

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TAKING ACTION FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

PART OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LEVEL PANEL ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

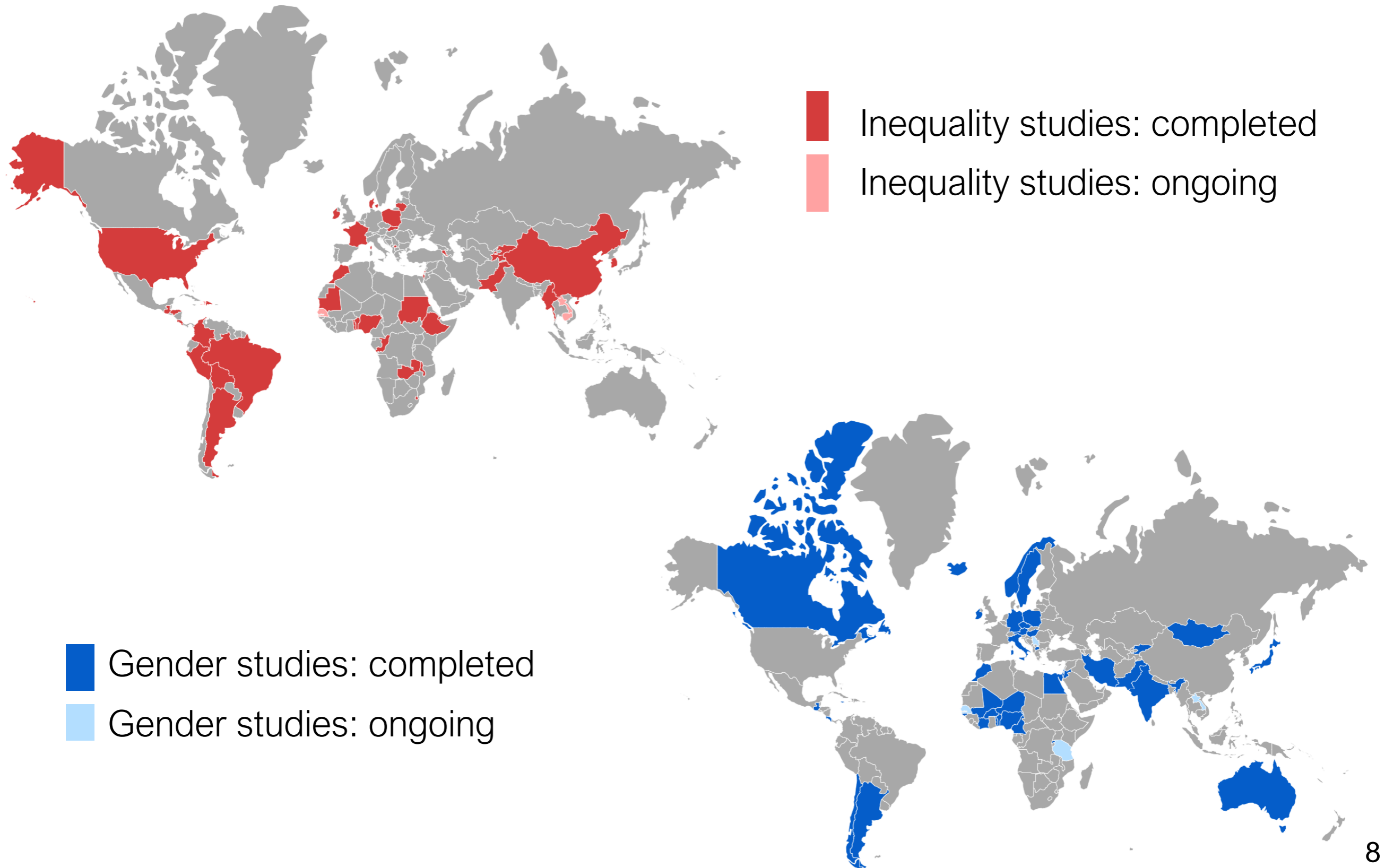
IMF's engagement with countries

Policy Advice

Capacity Development

Pilots to explore how best to add value for the membership

Pilots : inequality and gender



Framework for dealing with inequality/gender issues from a macroeconomic perspective



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Focus and Topics on inequality

- Comparative analysis of inequality and poverty
- Income polarization
- Growth inclusiveness
- Expenditure composition
- Subsidy reform
- Tax progressivity
- Financial inclusion
- Rural poverty
- Regional income inequalities
- Labor market duality
- Assessment of reform options
- Impact of commodities boom-bust cycles
- Social protection assessment

Focus and topics on gender

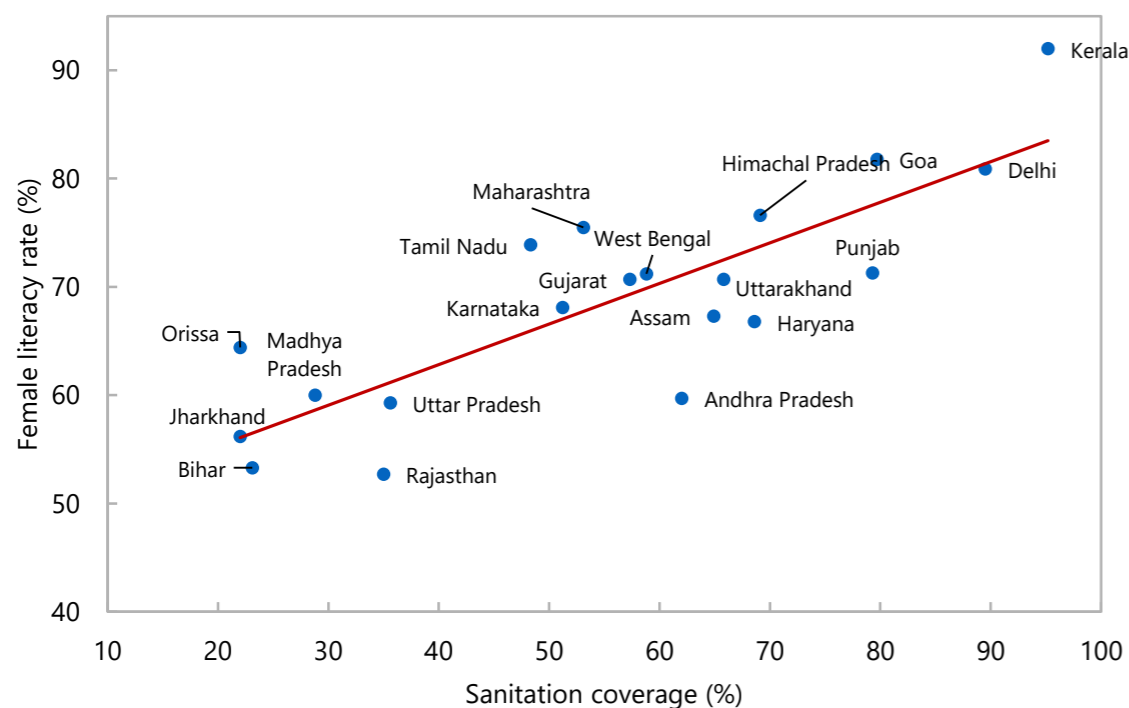
- Drivers of female labor force participation
- Financial inclusion
- Public investment
- Labor market reforms
- National gender equality plans
- Legal barriers
- Diversification
- Corporate profits
- Gender-based violence and harassment
- Female entrepreneurship



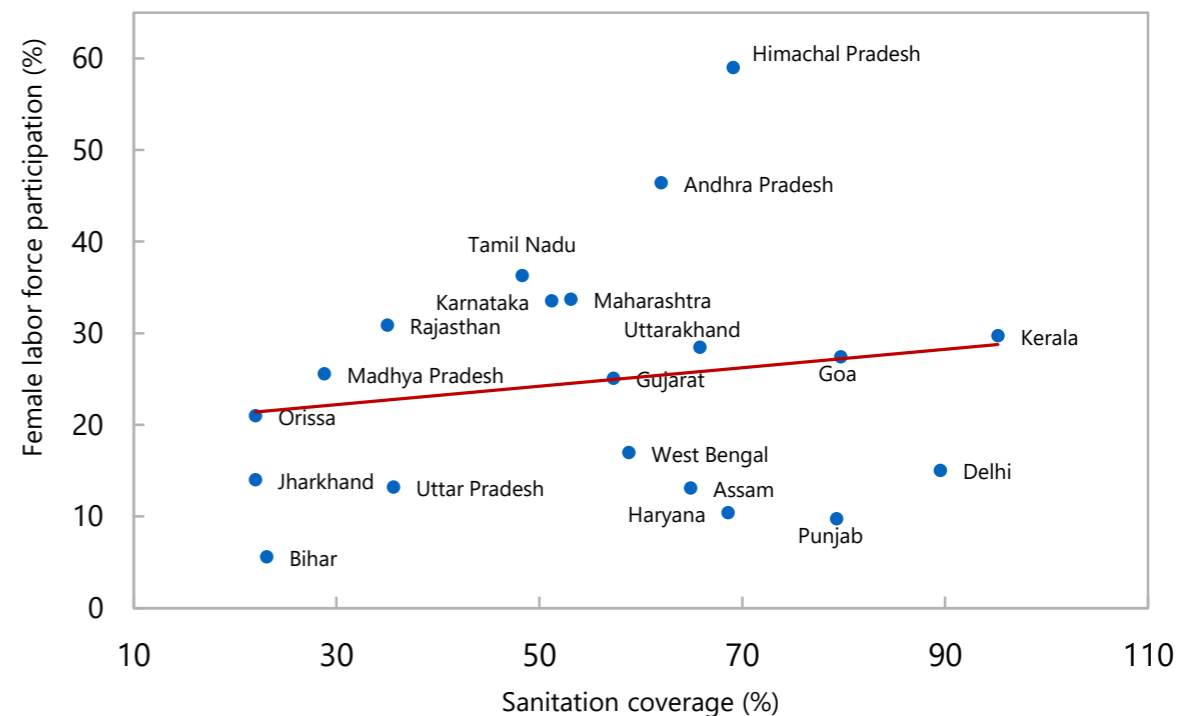
India: gender equality and sanitation

Improving access to sanitation is essential for raising gender equality and economic growth.

Female Literacy Increases with Sanitation Coverage



Female Labor Force Participation Increases with Sanitation Coverage



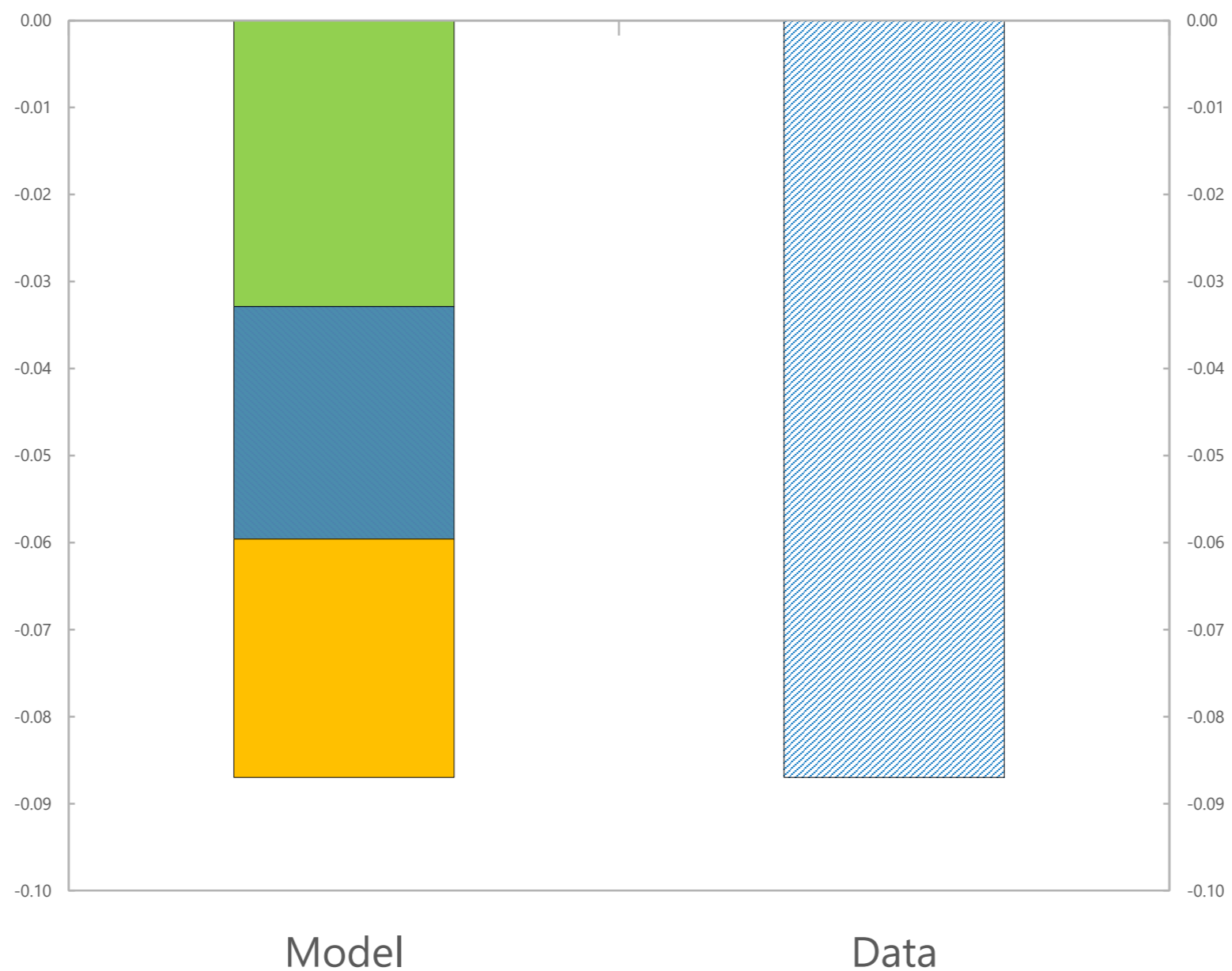
Sources: Census of India (2011), IMF staff calculations, and IMF Country Report No. 17/54 (2017 Article IV staff report for India).



Bolivia: commodity cycles and inequality

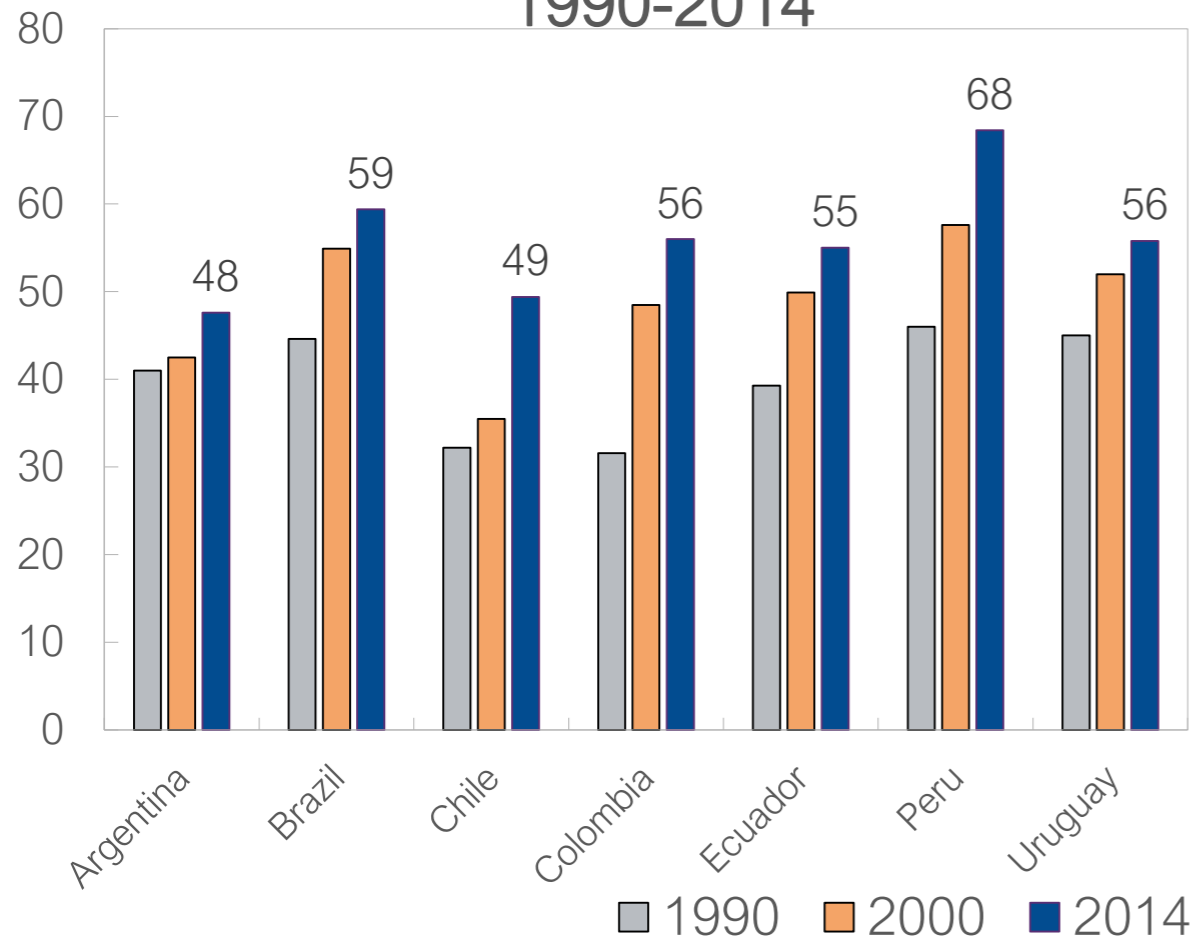
Change in Inequality During Boom (2000-2005) (Gini Index, In percentage points)

Change Skills Commodity Prices Fiscal Policy



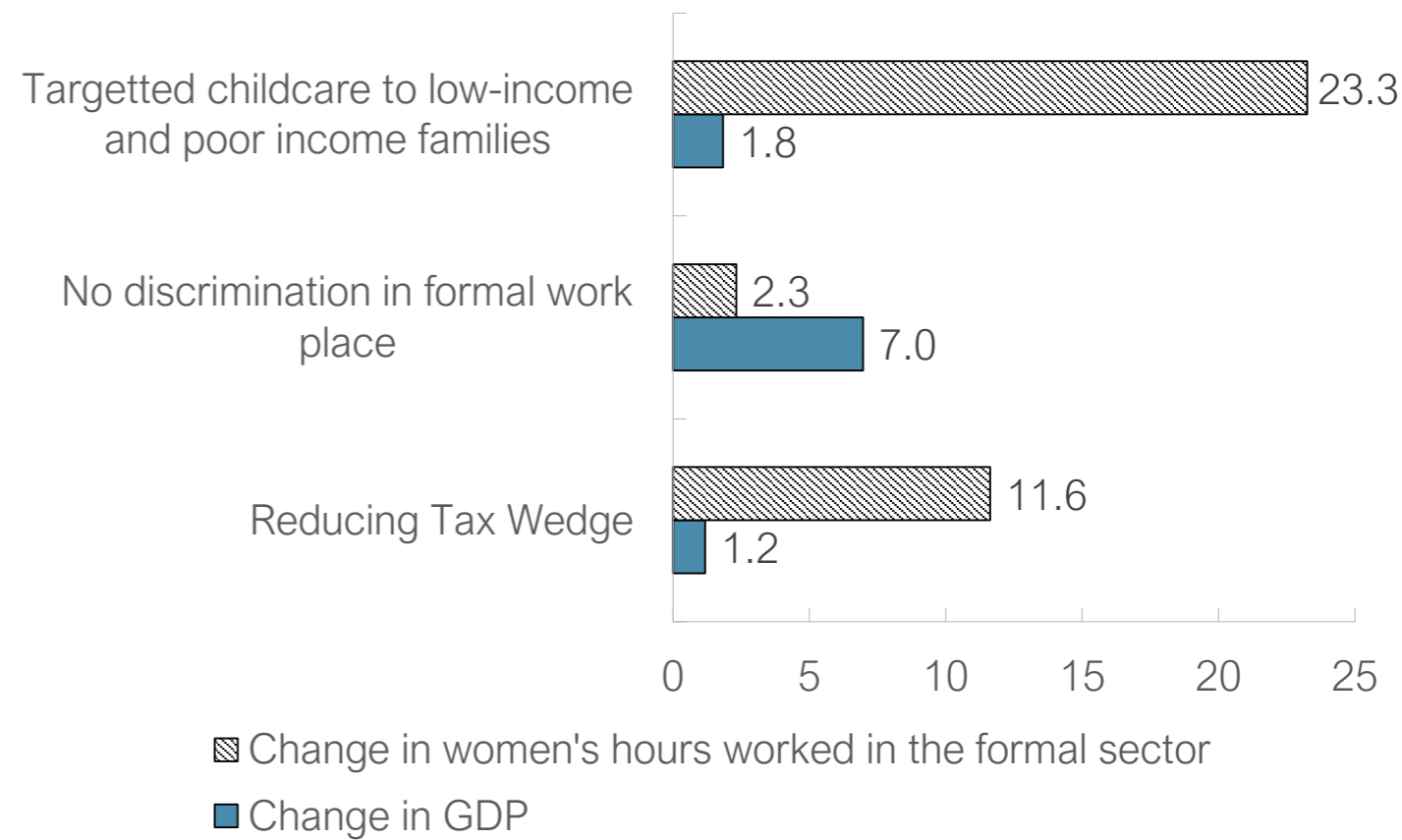
Distributional impact of reforms on both inequality and gender: Argentina

Female Labor Force Participation, 1990-2014



Source: World Bank, Gender Statistics

Policy Reforms and their impacts on female labor and on GDP



IMF's engagement with countries

Policy Advice

Capacity Development

Training and tools available to both Fund staff and country authorities

Capacity Building

Workshops and Training

- Courses on inclusive growth, financial development and inclusion, distributional analysis of policy and reforms
- Peer-learning workshops on gender budgeting

Technical assistance

- Distributional analysis is an integral part of TA on tax and subsidy reforms
- Gender budgeting

Toolkits

- Macro-distributional impact of fiscal reforms
- Gender Budgeting
- Distributional analysis of energy subsidy reform

New tool based on SDGE framework

Framework
(19 country
studies)



- Dynamic general equilibrium model with heterogeneous agents incorporating country-specific characteristics

Model features



- Households (rural vs. urban)
- Productive sectors (agriculture, manufacturing, services)
- Frictions (differential cost of mobility, segmented financial markets)

Outcome



- Macroeconomic variables
- Inequality between and within-sectors
- Poverty

Going forward

Analytical/policy work

- G-20 report on strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth
- Gender and technology
- Role of Gender in financial stability
- Gender diversity and diversification

Operational work

Inclusion/gender in country work when macro-critical

Toolkits

Expand toolkit set to consider:

- Macro-distributional impact of reforms for more developed economies
- Impact of reforms on gender

Training

Courses on SDGE framework for modeling the macro and distributional effects of reforms

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