

## **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT INDEX- Brief Summary**

The report on the Women's Empowerment Index assesses the level of empowerment that allows women to measure the country's close involvement in the economic, political and business spheres and to influence the decision-making process. This is for reference to official statistics. Since some of the information could not be obtained officially, the database of international organizations such as the UN, the World Bank has been cited. The third way to collect data was to use the query tool.

The document consists of three parts.

**The first section** provides information on gender-sensitive indexes and the position of Azerbaijan in these indices. The UN, the World Bank, the World Economic Forum, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are preparing indices that measure gender equality. Some of these indexes are global and some are regional. Global indices include indexes such as Global Gender Difference, Gender Inequality, Gender Development, Gender Indicator Index for regional indices, South African Women's Durability Index, and Africa's Gender Development Index. Each index is based on criteria and indicators and has a specific purpose. However, despite the different methodology and coverage of all these indices, their common goal is to measure gender equality.

Azerbaijan is included in some indexes. Azerbaijan ranks 78th out of 188 countries in the Index of Gender Inequality, prepared by the United Nations Development Program, with 0.332 points in 2015. In 2014, the Social Institutions and Gender Index, compiled by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and covering 160 countries, was included in the category of high discrimination in the range of 0.2403 points. Our country ranks 98th in 2017

in the Global Gender Difference Index conducted by the World Economic Forum in 144 countries.

**In the second part**, the experts drafting the document provided information on methodology and assessment of women's empowerment index. Experts have compiled 5 sub-index indicators, 34 indicators. Comparative subdexes and indicators have been studied by the UN, World Bank, OECD gender mainstreaming indexes. Indicators prepared by experts at the Wisconsin-Madison University have been taken principally.

**The third part** reflects the difficulties encountered in calculating the index and recommendations for their elimination.