Gender series volume I: Economic Empowerment, 2001-2014

## Gender Equity The Report

- Addressing constraints to women's economic empowerment is fundamental to lasting, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction and the advancement of gender equality.

- Economic empowerment combines the concepts of empowerment and economic advancement.
- A woman is economically empowered when she has both the ability to succeed and advance economically and the power to make and act on economic decisions.
- Despite South Africa' excellent policy and program intervention framework that supports women's economic empowerment, the gender gap with respect to achieving gender equity in economic transformation, continues.


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Constitutional, legislative and policy directives:

- The Constitution of South Africa (1996)
- Promotion of Equality and Prevention of Unfair Discrimination Act (2000)

- Employment Equity Act (1998)
- Electoral Act (1998)
- Municipal Systems Act (2000)
- Communal Land Rights Act (2004)
- National Policy Framework for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality (2000)
- National Development Plan


## Gender Equity The Report

## Aims to:

- provide analysis relating to gender disparities in economic empowerment using secondary data from
 Stats SA, as well as administrative data obtained from external sources;
- show general analysis in economic empowerment over the past 13 years to ascertain progress made towards gender equality.


## Gender Equity Data Sources

## Stats SA:

- Census 2001 and 2011
- Labour Force Survey 2001 March series
- Quarterly Labour Force Survey Q1:2014
- General Household Survey 2002 and 2013
- Survey of Employers and the Self Employed


## External:

- Department of Justice and Constitutional Development
- Government Communication and Information Systems
- Department of International Relations and Cooperation
- Department of Public Service and Administration
- Department of Basic Education
- Department of Higher Education
- Department of Planing, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Department of Correctional Services
- South African National Defence Force


## $\Lambda$ Gender Equity



## Male/Female percentage distribution

The total population grew from 44,8 million in 2001 to 54 million $_{\text {in } 2014}$

In 2001 there were 23,4 million females in South Africa (52,2\% of the total population).

The number of females in South Africa increased to

## 27,6 million in

2014, but the total share in population dropped slightly to 51,2\%

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## $\bigwedge$ Sex and Age Structure


$\leadsto \sqrt{\text { Sex and }}$ Population group
Mid year population estimates 2014


## Labour Force

Limited growth in the population of economically active individuals can negatively affect long-term economic growth, unless there are increases in labour participation

The participation of females in the economy can have an impact on raising the overall income for households. Raised income for females in turn increases their chances for better access to and control over resources, and impact on poverty reduction

## $\Lambda$ Labour Force Labour force participation rate by sex, 2001 and 2014



## $\Lambda$ Labour Force <br> Labour participation rate by sex and province, Females 2001 and 2014



## Labour Force

## Labour participation rate by sex, Population

 group and education, 2001 and 2014

## $\Lambda$ Labour Force Labour participation rate by sex and marital status, 2014



## \} Labour Force

Labour participation rate of females by age at first born child and population group, 2011


## Labour Force

Females of working age by age at first birth


## Labour Force

Labour participation rate of females in rural areas 2001-2014


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Labour force participation rate by minor children in formal vs non formal child care


In 2013 Females living in Households with minor children and making use of formal child care recorded highest participation rates

Provincial changes in gender parity for the labour force participation rate, 2001 and 2011

- The gender gap increased the most In FS $(0,03)$ and MP $(0,02)$
- The LFPR gap narrowed the most in LP $(-0,04)$, WC $(-0,03)$ and GP $(-0,03)$

Change in gender parity for the labour force participation rate from 2001 to 2011


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## Changes in parity LFPR: Local municipalities

M Labour Force

- LFPR parity improved the most in the KZN:Emadlangeni ( $-0,49$ ), NC:Joe Morolong (-0,23), NC:Kamiesberg (-0,22)
- Parity deteriorated the most in KZN:Jozini $(0,19)$, NC: !Kai Garib $(0,17)$, NC:Kareeberg $(0,15)$

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Gender differences in labour productivity have been found to be influenced by differences in the economic activities of men and women
$\leftrightharpoons \bigwedge \underset{\substack{\text { Employment } \& \\ \text { unemployment }}}{\substack{\text { Trends }}}$


Employment rate by sex and population group, 2001 and 2014


The highest gender gap was observed among Indian/Asian males and females with an average GPR of 0,60 in 2001 and 2014.

The gender gap also remained relatively unchanged for the black/African and coloured population groups with averages of 0,79 GPR in 2001 and 2014.

## $\Lambda$ Employment \& Trends Percentage share of males and females by unemployment



## $\Lambda$ Earnings

Distribution of males and females by monthly earnings, 2001 and 2014

|  | The distribution of earnings widens as earnings increases in the favour of males. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2001 |  | 2014 |  |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Monthly earnings | Percentage (\%) |  |  |  |
| R1-R1 500 | 46,3 | 53,7 | 44,1 | 55,9 |
| R1 501-R2 500 | 66,9 | 33,1 | 53,0 | 47,0 |
| R2 501-R3 500 | 62,6 | 37,4 | 57,9 | 42,1 |
| R3 501-R5 500 | 57,7 | 42,3 | 63,6 | 36,4 |
| R5 501-R7 500 | 61,8 | 38,2 | 65,9 | 34,1 |
| R7 501-R11 500 | 76,4 | 23,6 | 60,0 | 40,0 |
| R11 501+ | 82,6 | 17,4 | 59,6 | 40,4 |

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## $\bigwedge_{\substack{\text { Employment \& } \\ \text { unemployment }}}^{\substack{\text { Employment by sex and industry, } 2001 \text { and } \\ 2014}}$ 2014



Utilities
Mining
Construction
Transport
Agriculture
Manufacturing
Finance
Private households
Trade
Community and social services

SOURCE: LFS 2001 AND QLFS Q1:2014


$\bigwedge_{\bigwedge}^{\substack{\text { Employment } \\ \text { unemployment }}}$


Physical/mathematical sciences/engineering

Economic and management sciences (EMS)

Arts/education/hospitality

Social studies/health sciences
Male
Female
Source: Census 2011
Agriculture/Other

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Working-age population by sex and field of study among those with tertiary education, 2011

## $\uparrow \begin{aligned} & \text { Employment \& } \\ & \text { inemployment }\end{aligned}$ Trends



## $\uparrow \widehat{\substack{\text { Employment \& } \\ \text { unemployment }}}$ Trends $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unemployment rate by sex and } \\ & \text { disability } 2011\end{aligned}$ unemployment disability 2011




Youth Employment (15-34) by occupation, age, 2001 and 2014


Source: QLFS Q1: 2008 and QLFS Q1: 2014

## Provincial changes in gender parity for the number of employed persons, 2001 and 2011

$\bigwedge_{\substack{\text { Employment \& } \\ \text { unemployment }}}^{\substack{\text { Trends }}}$

- Improvements in gender parity in MP $(-0,19)$, $\operatorname{KZN}(-0,17)$ and EC $(-0,14)$
- FS $(0,16)$ and NW $(0,11)$ were the only two provinces where the gap in employment between males and females actually increased

Change in gender parity for number of individuals employed from 2001 to 2011


## Changes in parity of employment shares per municipality between 2001 and 2011

$\bigwedge \bigwedge$| $\substack{\text { Employment } \\ \text { unemployment }}$ |
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- The greatest gains towards employment parity observed in KZN:Ntambanana ($0,36)$, KZN:Impendle $(-0,28)$, KZN:The Big Five False Bay $(-0,28)$
- gender parity index increased the most in: KZN:Nkandla ( 0,24 ), NC:!Kai Garib $(0,20)$, KZN:Nqutu $(0,18)$

Change in gender parity for number of individuals employed from 2001 to 2011


Provincial change in parity of unemployed individuals with levels of education higher than matric between 2001 and 2011
$\widehat{\substack{\text { Employment } \\ \text { unemployment }}}$ Trends

- WC $(-0,60)$, KZN $(-0,43)$ and NW $(-0,26)$ made the most progress in terms of reducing the gender gaps
- Gender parity deteriorated in LP ( 0,56 change) and NC ( 0,28 change)

Change in gender parity for number of individuals who are unemployed with highest qualification greater than matric from 2001 to 2011


Changes in parity of unemployed individuals with levels of education higher than matric per
$\bigwedge \bigwedge \substack{\text { Employment \& } \\ \text { unemployment }}$ Trends municipality between 2001 and 2011

- Progress made in: WC: Bergrivier (-6,65), GT: Merafong city (-2,20), MP: Emakhazeni (-2,03)
- The gender gap increased the most in NC:Joe Morolong (2,12 share), NC: Gamagara ( 1,56 share), NC: Umsobomvu ( 1,02 share)
Change in gender parity for number of individuals who are unemployed with a highest qualification greater than matric from 2001 to 2011



Illness/Disability
Too old/young to Discouraged work-

work
seekers


Female 2014
Source: LFS March 2001 and QLFS Q1: 2014

## Means of Survival

# The examination of means of survival for persons not employed depicts different sources of income for both males and females 



## Means of Survival Remittance



High percentages of people relied on remittances to survive. There were no large disparities in 2001 between males and females with more than $90 \%$ in both groups relying on remittances.

The picture was however different for 2014, with $85,5 \%$ of males and only $72,4 \%$ of females reporting to be surviving on remittances.

## Means of Survival Social Grants

The marked drop in females relying on remittance could be attributed to the fact that the number of females who rely on social grants increased by 20 percentage points over the 13 year reporting period. In $20015,4 \%$ of females relied on social grants as a means of survival. This climbed to

## $26,0 \%$ in 2014.

The biggest increase in females receiving social grants was seen in rural areas.

The proportion of male grant recipients was comparatively smaller. 4, $9 \%$ of males received social grants in 2001.
This number grew to $10,1 \%$ in 2014

## Means of Survival



Source: LFS March 2001 and QLFS Q1: 2014

The percentages for those who survive on money previously earned are higher among male than they are among females for both 2001 and 2014.

However, the proportions declined for both males and females.

## Business Ownership

The results indicate:

- Decline in number of female employers and own account workers (2008 and 2014);
- Rise in percentage shares amongst females owning small- to medium-sized businesses.
- Gender parity amongst males and females working in the formal sector narrowed from 0,63 in 2008 to 0,72 in 2014


## Business Ownership

The majority of both males and females were operating in the informal sector and the least in agricultural sector


Business Ownership Distribution of employers and own account workers by


Source: QLFS Q1:2008 Source: QLFS Q1:2014

## $\Lambda$ Business Ownership <br> \author{ Employers and own account workers 

}A higher proportion of males were employers, while females were more likely to be own account workers

Percentage of persons who run businesses by size of business


Source: QLFS Q1, 2008 and QLFS Q1, 2014

Ausiness Ownership Percentage of persons who run businesses within each age group


## $\bigwedge_{\mathrm{N}}$ Internships

A larger proportion of females than males benefited from the programme during 2011 and 2014


## Governance

Good governance allows democratic reform and promotes transparency, and fosters an efficient environment for achieving gender related policy objectives.

Although women's economic empowerment improved with the implementation of gender-sensitive policies, governance still staggers behind other dimensions.

## Governance

Decision-making in political executive positions in South Africa by sex, 1994-2014

| Position type | 1994 |  | 1999 |  | 2004 |  | 2009 |  | 2014 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Numbers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minister | 26 | 2 | 18 | 9 | 17 |  | 16 | 14 | 20 | 15 |
| Deputy Minister | 10 | 8 |  | - | 13 | 7 | 19 | 14 | 19 | 18 |
| Premiers | 9 | 0 |  | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 |
| MEC |  |  |  | - |  | - | - | - | 52 | 39 |
| Number of Parliamentarian |  | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | 238 | 162 |
| Percentages |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minister | 92,9 | 7,1 | 66,7 | 33,3 | 60,7 | 39,3 | 53,3 46,7 | 46,7 | 57,1 | 42,9 |
| Deputy Minister | 55,6 | 44,4 |  |  | 65,0 | 35,0 | 57,6 | 42,4 | 51,4 | 48,6 |
| Premiers | 100,0 | 0,0 | 88,9 | 11,1 | 55,6 | 44,4 | 55,6 44,4 |  | 77,8 | 22,2 |
| MEC |  | - |  | - |  |  | - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 57,4-- - - 42,9 |  |  |  |
| Number of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Parliamentarian |  | - |  | - |  | - | - |  | 59,5 | 40,5 |

Sources: Cabinet South Africa, Department of communications, Parliament 1994-2014

## Governance

## Percentage of senior posts held by

 males and femalesThe gender gap in the private and semiprivate sectors, was considerably wider than
that of males and females occupying government leadership positions.

Heads of State owned enterprises

Heads of chapter 9 institutions

CEOs of Top 40 JSE listed companies


Sources: GCIS, JSE April 2014

## $\bigwedge_{\mathrm{N}} \quad$ Governance

Percentage of SMS positions in the public sector by population group and sex


## Governance

Percentage of positions taken up by males and females

## Males

75\%

Females 25\%

## Navy



Source: SAAF and SA Navy. 2014

## (A Governance

Percentage of positions taken up by males and females


Supreme court judges


Sources: Department of Justice, International relations

## Resources

> Women's ownership of and control over resources is increasingly seen as a key element of women's empowerment. Indicators of men's and women's asset ownership and control are important measures used for the monitoring of gender equality.

## $\Lambda$ Resources

Household goods ownership (other than land) by sex of head of household and geo-type


The widest gender gap observed among households headed by males and females residing in rural formal areas owning 10-17 items

- Rural formal
- Tribal areas
- Urban informal
- Urban formal


## $\Lambda$ Resources



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## Female percentage changes of households headed by females owning formal dwellings, 2002 and 2013

## Conclusions

## Gender stereotypes and their impact on female labour market outcomes

The gender stereotype: A good woman is one that maintains the best home:

- Within households, the responsibility of maintaining homes is perceived to be a woman's role.
- This is suggested in that, data showed that since 2001, a higher percentage of the economically inactive population who gave homemaking as a reason for inactivity were female, particularly married females.
- This gender stereotype may have contributed towards the stagnant female labour participation rates observed over time.


## Conclusions

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The gender stereotype: Child rearing is a woman's responsibility:

- Related to the afore-mentioned stereotype, is the perception that child care is a female responsibility.
- This notion was evident in that even though labour participation rates for both males and females with minor children were lower than those without minor children, the gender gap between those with minor children present in the household was wider compared to those without (13,0 compared to 10,5 percentage points).
- While the gender gap in participation rates between males and females without minor children slightly declined by 0,5 of a percentage point over the 13 year period, an increase of 0,7 of a percentage points was observed between males and females with minor children in the household.


## Conclusions

## Gender stereotypes and their impact on female labour market outcomes

The gender stereotype: Certain jobs are for females and others for males:

- When fields of study were analysed, both males and females continued to select fields of study associated with gender stereotypes.
- A higher percentage of females with tertiary education were qualified in the field of Social/health sciences which include professions such as social work and nursing ( $65,6 \%$ ), while males dominated in Physics/mathematics/engineering ( $75,4 \%$ ).
- Data showed that of all employed persons in 2011, only $17,4 \%$ were qualified in Social/health studies compared to $21,5 \%$ Physics/mathematics/engineering qualifications.
- These results may point to a mismatch between what females choose to study and the skills required in the South African labour market.
- The slow entry of women into specialised fields, traditionally associated with males, will result in delayed gender representatively within those fields, particularly in top management positions

