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The empowerment index and first results on women's empowerment in the Western Balkans

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Data cleaning



Country	Sample size	Survey length	Excluded racing through a)		Excluded racing through b)		Final sample
	Original	Minutes \emptyset	below 10 min.		24 hours activity		
Albania	400	19	90	23%	1	0%	309
BiH	582	23	27	5%	36	6%	519
Federation	221	24	7	3%	12	6%	202
Republic Srpska	340	22	20	6%	24	8%	296
Kosovo*	256	24	8	3%	9	4%	239
Montenegro	109	23	2	2%	4	4%	103
North Macedonia	265	25	4	2%	5	2%	256
Serbia	854	23	39	4%	36	4%	788
Total sample	2466	23	161	7%	91	4%	2214

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- **252** interviews excluded; lottery participation **NOT** higher in excluded interviews
- Comments almost all positive; few complaints about the length



Classification variables



Country	Years Ø	Age		Work		
		18-40	41 or older	Farming	Non-farming	No work
Albania	40	53%	47%	28%	23%	49%
BiH	44	44%	56%	17%	53%	30%
Federation	45	40%	60%	19%	52%	30%
Republic Srpska	44	49%	51%	15%	54%	31%
Kosovo*	31	75%	25%	11%	37%	52%
Montenegro	43	48%	52%	34%	48%	18%
North Macedonia	40	56%	44%	15%	59%	26%
Serbia	43	45%	56%	26%	48%	25%
Total sample	41	51%	49%	22%	45%	32%

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- 40% of women in farming work also in non-farming



Empowerment index



Empowerment index based on Alkire index - five sub-indices:

1) Production/work

- a) Who decides what job/work respondents do
- b) Who takes the decisions in the farming business/non-farming business

2) Resources/assets

- a) Ownership of agricultural land, houses/flats, cars
- b) Access to formal credit, having a bank account

3) Leadership

- a) Respondents usually advocate political views, vote, or follow political news
- b) Membership in organisations or leadership role in these organisations

4) Working time at home

- a) The sum of hours a woman is occupied per day with household chores and care work
- b) Share of male household members in unpaid household chores and care work

5) Control income/expenditure

- a) Control over own income
- b) Influence over expenditures



- **Low** empowerment
- **Medium** empowerment
- **High** empowerment



Empowerment sub-indices a)



Country	Empowerment index (all)			Empowerment sub-index work (1)		
	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
Albania	61%	35%	4%	41%	36%	24%
BiH	13%	57%	30%	11%	28%	61%
Federation	17%	52%	30%	13%	28%	59%
Republic Srpska	10%	59%	30%	9%	26%	65%
Kosovo*	24%	62%	13%	6%	30%	64%
Montenegro	6%	58%	36%	4%	36%	60%
North Macedonia	15%	53%	33%	7%	23%	67%
Serbia	12%	56%	32%	9%	28%	63%
Total sample	20%	54%	26%	13%	29%	58%

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- Empowered women are older, better educated, richer, live in smaller households and more satisfied with life



Empowerment sub-indices b)



Country	Empowerment sub-index assets (2)			Empowerment sub-index leadership (3)		
	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
Albania	75%	24%	1%	23%	69%	8%
BiH	22%	59%	19%	24%	61%	15%
Federation	25%	54%	21%	23%	59%	18%
Republic Srpska	19%	62%	19%	25%	63%	12%
Kosovo*	50%	46%	4%	23%	54%	23%
Montenegro	14%	63%	23%	23%	61%	15%
North Macedonia	24%	62%	15%	32%	43%	25%
Serbia	25%	58%	17%	20%	62%	18%
Total sample	33%	52%	15%	23%	60%	17%

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- Discrimination of women over inheritances in Albania/Kosovo?
- **BUT:** Kosovo population very young; few assets



Empowerment sub-indices c)



Country	Empowerment sub-index working time (4)			Empowerment sub-index income/expenditure (5)		
	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High
Albania	53%	45%	3%	57%	34%	9%
BiH	17%	61%	22%	29%	33%	38%
Federation	18%	64%	17%	28%	37%	36%
Republic Srpska	16%	57%	26%	30%	30%	40%
Kosovo*	15%	62%	22%	60%	32%	8%
Montenegro	7%	70%	23%	21%	46%	33%
North Macedonia	20%	60%	20%	31%	32%	36%
Serbia	14%	58%	28%	30%	35%	34%
Total sample	20%	58%	22%	37%	35%	29%

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- Albanian society still quite patriarchic?



Empowerment – staying



Country	Staying intention in % Ø	Staying intention and empowerment		
		Low emp. in % Ø	Medium emp. in % Ø	High emp. in % Ø
Albania	80	84	75	59
BiH	85	87	82	89
Federation	86	89	83	90
Republic Srpska	84	86	81	89
Kosovo*	65	63	65	69
Montenegro	87	74	86	90
North Macedonia	73	65	73	77
Serbia	85	78	85	87
Total sample	81	79	79	85

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- Kosovo visa liberalization? Macedonia people unsatisfied with politics? (youth survey)
- Except for Albania, empowered women higher staying intention



Empowerment – rural life



Country	Positive attitude towards rural lifestyle				Wish children/grand children to live rural			
	Low emp.	Medium emp.	High emp.	Total	Low emp.	Medium emp.	High emp.	Total
Albania	24%	45%	15%	31%	3%	8%	0%	5%
BiH	61%	67%	75%	69%	37%	36%	37%	37%
Federation	77%	70%	75%	73%	37%	37%	47%	40%
Republic Srpska	42%	66%	76%	66%	39%	36%	32%	35%
Kosovo*	36%	51%	69%	50%	21%	39%	38%	34%
Montenegro	83%	80%	76%	79%	17%	50%	46%	47%
North Macedonia	49%	47%	52%	49%	18%	20%	17%	19%
Serbia	64%	67%	76%	69%	41%	41%	46%	43%
Total sample	43%	61%	71%	60%	20%	35%	38%	33%

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- Among empowered have a more positive view on rural life
- **BUT:** future perspective is rather bleak, especially for Albania



Conclusion & discussion



- Empowerment of women not only goal in itself, but it could reduce rural out-migration
- Albania has the highest share of less empowered women followed by Kosovo

Why do Albania and Kosovo fare so bad?

- Most empowered women in Albania migrated already?
- Strong patriarchic Albanian society, especially in country side?
- Albania for decades been cut off from the world?
- Kosovo very young population?
(less assets owned, higher share of women still studying)
- Informal institutions such as family/gender norms change very slowly?



Empowerment – satisfaction



Country	Health satisfaction Ø (0-10)				Life satisfaction Ø (0-10)			
	Low emp.	Medium emp.	High emp.	Total	Low emp.	Medium emp.	High emp.	Total
Albania	8.8	8.0	7.9	8.5	6.9	7.8	7.5	7.3
BiH	7.7	8.5	8.9	8.5	8.2	8.6	9.4	8.9
Federation	7.9	8.7	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.6	9.0
Republic Srpska	7.4	8.4	8.7	8.4	7.9	8.9	9.3	8.9
Kosovo*	8.6	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.9	8.6	8.0	8.3
Montenegro	8.8	8.6	9.0	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.8	9.1
North Macedonia	7.4	8.0	8.5	8.4	6.7	8.4	8.6	8.2
Serbia	7.3	8.0	8.5	8.1	7.2	8.5	9.2	8.6
Total sample	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.4	7.3	8.5	9.1	8.4

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Empowerment – farming



Country	Having a farm				Intention to continue farming (n = 772) in % Ø
	Low emp.	Medium emp.	High emp.	Total	
Albania	85%	54%	8%	71%	85
BiH	36%	22%	11%	21%	86
Federation	42%	21%	10%	22%	85
Republic Srpska	26%	23%	12%	20%	87
Kosovo*	38%	21%	28%	26%	70
Montenegro	50%	42%	38%	41%	82
North Macedonia	22%	20%	14%	18%	74
Serbia	53%	34%	19%	31%	82
Total sample	59%	30%	18%	33%	82

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