WOMEN NEGOTIATING FOR RIGHTS IN FAMILIES

Gender inequality in family relationships means that women often have to bargain for their fair share – of money, food, leisure time and decision-making power.

Families are sites of cooperation and conflict

Families can be a source of LOVE, SHARING AND COOPERATION

but they can also be a source of INEQUALITY AND CONFLICT

Families influence institutions

Actions by states, communities and markets can help women to bargain for their rights in families

STATE
Laws that are enacted and enforced matter for gender equality in families.

COMMUNITY/SOCIETY
Community groups and social movements help women exercise their rights, and create spaces of solidarity.

MARKET
Well-regulated markets can provide women with opportunities for decent work, enabling them to exercise agency in their families.

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Source: Based on Sen 1990a; Agarwal 1997.

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