

README

“How Laws Promote Economic Opportunities: A Review”

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Overview

This README document provides an overview of the organization and content of the **“Reproducibility_package_30oct2025”** folder.

This folder contains all the datasets and scripts used to construct the figure and correlation coefficient used in the paper *“How Laws Promote Economic Opportunities: A Review”* in a fully reproducible manner.

The main directory includes three subfolders:

- **code/:** Includes all Stata scripts used to estimate the correlation coefficient mentioned in Figure 1 besides Figure 1.
- **data/:** Includes two subfolders with data inputs: **wbl_data** subfolder which includes *Women Business and the Law* legal frameworks indicator published in year 2024; and **wdi_data** subfolder which includes raw data downloaded from *World Development Indicators* website about female labor force participation and GDP per capita.
- **output/:** Contains a CSV file with the correlation results generated after running the do-files beside Figure 1 which is included in the paper.

Data Availability

All data used for the figure and correlation estimation are publicly available.

Data Sources

1. WBL Legal Frameworks data:

- **Name:** WBL2024_LEGAL_EconLevel_ToPublish.dta
- **Source:** Women Business and the Law
- **URL:**
https://wbl.worldbank.org/content/dam/sites/wbl/documents/2024/WBL2024_LEGAL_EconLevel_ToPublish.dta

2. Female Labor Force Participation :

- **Name:** P_Data_Extract_From_WDI_FLFP_2023.xlsx

- **Source:** World Development Indicators
- **URL:** <https://databank.worldbank.org/source/2?series=SL.TLF.CACT.FE.ZS&country=#>

3. GDP per capita :

- **Name:** P_Data_Extract_From_WDI_GDPpc_2020_2024.xlsx
- **Source:** World Development Indicators
- **URL:** <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.PP.KD>

Access year: All data was downloaded on October 30th, 2025

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Instructions for Replicators

Subfolder : “code”	
File Name	Description
Master 0_master.do	This dofile standardizes the Stata environment and defines global paths, used throughout the project. The third party must enter their path in order to run the dofiles and set the user to themselves.
Correlation and Figure 1_Figure1_30oct2025.do	This dofile: 1. In Cleans Female labor force participation Excel data P_Data_Extract_From_WDI_FLFP_2023.xlsx and saves it as a Sata dataset: WDI_LFP_2023.dta 2. Cleans GDP per capita Excel data P_Data_Extract_From_WDI_GDPpc_2020_2024.xlsx and saves it as a Sata dataset: WDI_gdppc.dta 3. Merges : • WBL2024_LEGAL_EconLevel_ToPublish.dta • WDI_LFP_2023.dta

	• WDI_gdppc.dta 4. Runs a regression and stores the results in “output” subfolder: correlation_lfp_wbl.csv 5. Elaborates Figure 1 and stores it in “output” subfolder: Figure1.png
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Software Requirements

Stata 19 was used to run the scripts .