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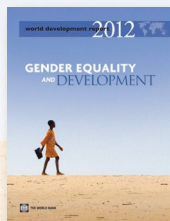
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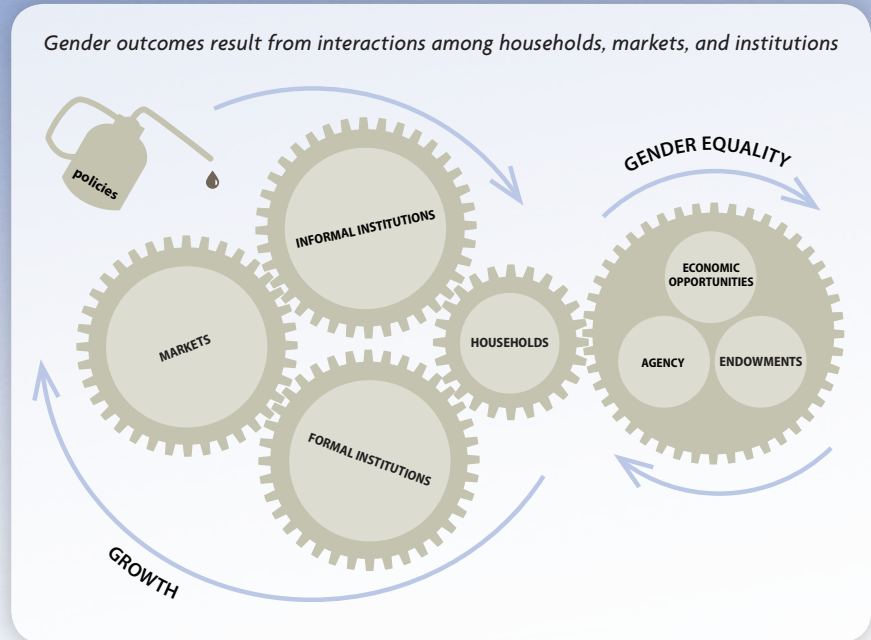
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Development has closed some gender gaps...

- Educational enrollment
- Life expectancy
- Labor force participation

...but other gaps persist

- Excess deaths of girls and women
- Unequal access to economic opportunities
- Disparities in earnings and incomes
- Differences in voice in households and in society



“We are not educated, we don’t know anything, and we do not know how we can be able to change our life and obtain power and freedom.”

– Adult woman, rural Afghanistan

“My sister gave birth when she was 14 and died.”

– Young woman, Republic of Yemen

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– Adult man, Peru

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