

THE GENDER APPROACH AND HEALTH IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CASE OF CAMEROON

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INTRODUCTION

CONTEXT:

- Nowadays, we are witnessing a proliferation of policies aimed at empowering and empowering women so that they can act on the social and economic conditions they face. In our case, maternal and child health.
- The gender approach appears moreover as the fifth of the objectives of sustainable development which is to "Achieve gender equality by empowering women and girls" and is therefore an imperative step to achieve a peaceful and peaceful world. to sustainable development.

OBJECTIVE: In such a context, this article proposes to highlight the impact of the decision-making power of women, particularly concerning family planning, prenatal visits, food hygiene, child monitoring both in terms of nutrition and health. maternal and child health in Cameroon.

RESEARCH QUESTION : ➤ What is the impact of the decision-making power of women on maternal and child health?

METHODOLOGY

TARGET POPULATION:
The study focuses on women

DATA SOURCE:

Cameroon EDS-MICS 2018 data

ANALYSIS METHODS:

Descriptive analysis, econometric tests of logit and biprobit models with STATA software and a qualitative survey.



CONCLUSION

➤ We are in a context of patriarchal society, the man is the head of the family and has the last word.

➤ It is not a personal decision of the pregnant woman in all cultural communities in Cameroon, the decision to be followed by a male gynecologist, or to go to the hospital to give birth.

➤ Women are still victims of the weight of traditions.

➤ The questions that make up the indicator can also be the problem.

RESULTS

The decision-making power of women does not explain maternal and child health in Cameroon. This result in relation to the context could be qualified as paradoxical.

RECOMMENDATIONS

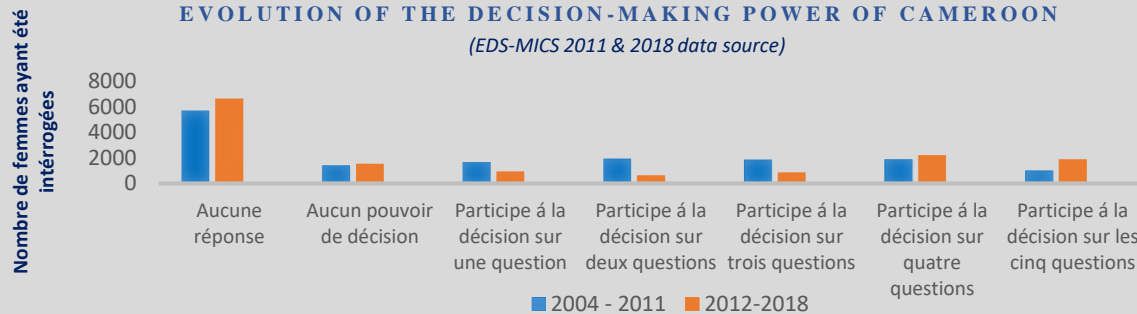
- Take into account both socio-demographic, cultural and legal factors, factors specific to each woman and temporal data to set up policies for the empowerment of women.
- Choose the indicator carefully to highlight the problem and therefore carefully choose the questions that constitute the indicator.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- EDS-MICS 2018 report
- The rest of the bibliography is in the appendix

EVOLUTION OF THE DECISION-MAKING POWER OF CAMEROON

(EDS-MICS 2011 & 2018 data source)



EVOLUTION OF THE DECISION-MAKING LEVEL OF WOMEN ON THEIR HEALTH

(author's construction)

