

Table 1 Percentage distributions for indicators of women's agency (n = 608 ever-married women aged 23–65 years), rural Minya, Egypt

Domain	Item	Response categories ^{a,b}		
Decision-making (DM)				
<i>Who in your family has the final say in purchasing the following things?</i>		<i>Someone else</i>	<i>You and someone else</i>	<i>You</i>
Vegetables and fruit	DM_1	12	13	75
Clothes for yourself	DM_2	20	22	57
Any kind of medicine for yourself	DM_3	24	28	48
Toiletries for yourself	DM_4	21	19	60
Large household purchases	DM_5	42	45	13
<i>Who in your family usually makes the following decisions/has the final say in the following matters?</i>		<i>Someone else</i>	<i>You and someone else</i>	<i>You</i>
Health care for yourself	DM_6	19	58	23
Large household purchases ^c	DM_7	30	58	12
Purchases for daily household needs ^c	DM_8	13	42	45
Your visits to your family or relatives	DM_9	20	57	23
Whether or not you will work to earn money	DM_10	26	66	08
Freedom of movement (FM)				
<i>Are you allowed to go to the following places?</i>		<i>Never</i>	<i>Not alone</i>	<i>Alone</i>
Local market to buy things	FM_1	2	23	75
Local health centre or doctor	FM_2	1	25	74
Homes of your friends in the neighbourhood	FM_3	1	22	77
Nearby mosque or church	FM_4	6	25	69
Gender attitudes (GA)				
<i>In your opinion is a husband justified in hitting his wife in the following situations</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>No</i>
She goes out without telling him	GA_1	57	0	43
She neglects the children	GA_2	46	0	53
She argues/debates with him ^e	GA_3	34	0	66
She refuses to have sex with him	GA_4	54	4	42
She burns the food	GA_5	24	1	75
<i>Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement</i>		<i>Agree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>	<i>Disagree</i>
If a wife is working outside the home, then her husband should help her with household chores and raising the children ^d	GA_6	74	6	20
A wife should be allowed to work outside the home if she wants to ^d	GA_7	78	7	16
A wife has a right to express her opinion even when she disagrees with what her husband is saying ^d	GA_8	72	10	18
The important decisions of the family should be made only by a husband	GA_9	64	4	32
A wife should tolerate being hit by her husband in order to keep the family together	GA_10	40	7	52
If a family doesn't have enough money to send all the children to school, it is better to send a son to school than a daughter	GA_11	15	8	77

^aValues shown are percentages.

^bAll items coded from 1 to 3, with higher values representing higher levels of women's agency.

^cItems not included in final three-factor model.

^dReverse coded items (agree = 3, don't know = 2, disagree = 1).