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**Title: Mechanisms for Empowerment of Rural Women to the Right of Inheritance**

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The current Study aimed to identify self and social mechanisms to empower rural women with inheritance rights. It also aimed to identify the extent to which rural women were aware of their inheritance rights, the social motives for claiming their rights, how rural women had taken a negative stance to empower them with their inheritance rights, and what obstacles rural women faced in claiming their inheritance rights.

The study revealed that the phenomenon of non-inheritance of rural women is prevalent among different age groups and educational levels. In addition, extended families are more prevalent than nuclear families, with a view to preserving agricultural land and not granting it to foreigners. The results of the study also indicated that rural women were unaware of the legitimate provisions of inheritance, legal procedures and those who could support them in their pursuit of the inheritance rights from which they had been deprived. The study found that introducing rural women to religious and legal concepts and trusting themselves and their abilities are among the most prominent subjective mechanisms to empower them with their inheritance rights. The study also revealed social mechanisms to empower rural women with their inheritance rights, including increased penalties for women deprived of their inheritance, and awareness through mosques and the media of the importance of giving women full inheritance rights.

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