

WOMEN AND HOMELESSNESS

GLOBALLY

WOMEN HAVE FEW OR NO PROPERTY RIGHTS

in many parts of the world.

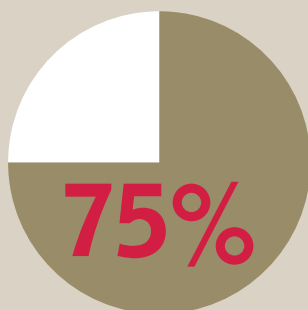
Many women of the world are barred, mostly by custom but sometimes by law, from inheriting or owning the homes in which they live,

CONDEMNING

them and their children to

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if their spouse or family members die.³



SOME 75% of the world's WOMEN CANNOT GET FORMAL BANK LOANS because they lack permanent employment and title deeds to land or housing that they can offer as security, or because the laws of their countries classify them as minors, not eligible to make legal transactions.⁴

Of the estimated 1.3 billion people living in poverty around the world, 70% are women and girls. Women and girls are also the fastest increasing group of impoverished and homeless, a process called 'the global feminization of poverty.'²

IN AUSTRALIA



Specialist homelessness services that provide support to single women account for less than 10% of all homelessness services in Australia.⁶

59% OF PEOPLE ACCESSING SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS SERVICES ARE WOMEN.⁵

87% OF SINGLE HEADED HOUSEHOLDS IN AUSTRALIA ARE WOMEN WITH CHILDREN JUGGLING WORK, FAMILY COMMITMENTS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS.⁸

WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE IN THE TOP BRACKET OF 'UNMET DEMAND' FROM HOMELESSNESS SERVICES. MANY MORE PEOPLE TRY TO ACCESS CRISIS AND REFUGE ACCOMMODATION THAN THERE IS ROOM FOR. THIS IS A REASON WHY WOMEN RETURN TO THEIR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS.⁷

For more facts see: [The Australian Women Donors Network Fast Facts Page](#).

¹ Shelter 2.0 Homeless Statistics 2014 <http://www.shelter20.com/homeless-statistics/>

² Shelter 2.0 Homeless Statistics 2014 <http://www.shelter20.com/homeless-statistics/>

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⁵ Homelessness Australia Fact Sheet 2013 <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/index.php/about-homelessness/fact-sheets>

⁶ Homelessness Australia Fact Sheet 2013 <http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au/index.php/about-homelessness/fact-sheets>

⁷ Spinney, Angela. Reducing the Need for Women and Children to Make Repeated use of Refuge and Other Crisis Accommodation, <https://homelessnessclearinghouse.govspace.gov.au/files/2012/11/Spinney-final-report-pdf.pdf>, 2012.

⁸ Women's Property Initiative Women, Domestic Violence and Homelessness Fact Sheet 2014 http://www.wpi.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20:media-kit-download&catid=10:media-kit&Itemid=21