

Top 10 questions to measure women’s agency using MASI method (LASSO stability selection) as reported in [Jayachandran, Biradavolu, & Cooper \(2022\)](#)

#	Question wording	Answer options	Coding of variable
1	Opinion heard when expensive item like a bicycle or cow is purchased?	1. Yes, always 2. Yes, usually 3. Yes, sometimes 4. Rarely 5. Very rarely 6. Never -98. Don’t Know -99. Refused to answer	Reverse-coded with “Never” = 1 and “Yes, always” = 6
2	Need permission from other household members to buy clothing for self?	1. Yes 2. No 3. Have never bought -99. Refused to answer	Coded like the answer options, from 1 to 3
3	Allowed to buy things in the market without asking partner?	1. Yes, always 2. Yes, usually 3. Yes, sometimes 4. Rarely 5. Very rarely 6. Never -98. Don’t Know -99. Refused to answer	Reverse-coded with “Never” = 1 and “Yes, always” = 6
4	Are you permitted to visit women in other neighborhoods to talk with them?	1. Never 2. Yes, but never alone 3. Yes, alone, with permission 4. Yes, alone, do not need permission -97. Not applicable -99. Refused to answer	Coded like the answer options, from 1 to 4
5	Who do you consult with for decisions regarding your children’s health care?	1. No one, I decide on my own 2. My husband 3. Mother-in-law 4. Father-in-law 5. Relatives from my husband’s side -96. Other (specify) -99. Refused to answer	Responses were recoded as: 1. Relatives from my husband’s side, father-in-law, or mother-in-law, 2. My husband, 3. No one, I decide on my own.
6	Are you permitted to visit any place riding on public transport?	1. Never 2. Yes, but never alone 3. Yes, alone, with permission 4. Yes, alone, do not need permission	Coded like the answer options, from 1 to 4

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		-97. Not applicable -99. Refused to answer	
7	Allowed to go alone to meet your friends for any reason?	1. Yes 2. No -97. Not applicable -99. Refused to answer	Reverse-coded with "Yes" = 2 and "No" = 1
8	Can decide by self to purchase emergency medicine for child	1. Yes 2. No -98. Don't know -99. Refused to answer	Reverse-coded with "Yes" = 2 and "No" = 1
9	Are you allowed to go alone to a relative's house inside the village?	1. Yes 2. No -97. Not applicable -99. Refused to answer	Reverse-coded with "Yes" = 2 and "No" = 1
10	<i>When husband has different opinion, voice opinion and argue more often than voice opinion but do as he says</i>	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes 4. Often 5. Most of the times 6. All of the time	Recoded as four variables with Yes = 2 and No = 1:
10a	Don't voice your opinion but do what you think is right	-97. Not applicable -98. Don't know	I. When husband has different opinion, voice opinion and argue more often than voice opinion but do as he says.
10b	Don't voice your opinion and wait for another occasion to see if he changes his mind		II. When husband has different opinion, voice opinion but do as he says more often than not voicing opinion and waiting for him to change mind.
10c	Don't voice your opinion but do what your husband thinks is right		III. When husband has different opinion, wait for him to change mind more often than do as he says (but don't voice opinion).
10d	Voice your opinion but also make it clear that you will go along with his view		IV. When husband has different opinion do what you think more often than what he says (but don't voice opinion).
10e	Voice your opinion and argue why your choice is better		