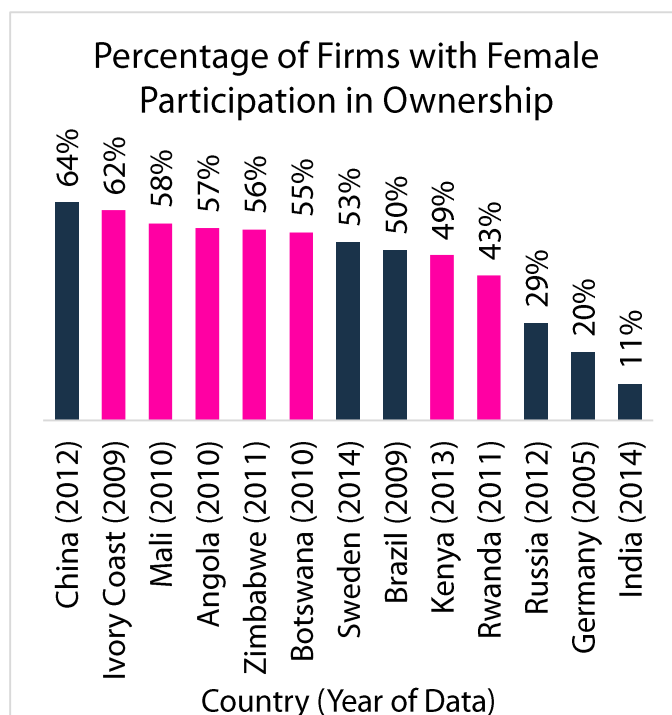


Ivory Coast has a higher percentage of women owned manufacturing firms than Germany or Sweden

The World Bank’s Enterprise Survey data on gender benchmarks female participation in firm ownership, management, and the workforce in the manufacturing sectors of 135 countries. Based on the latest available data, Ivory Coast (62%), Mali (58%) and Angola (57%) have a higher percentage of firms with female participation in ownership than Sweden (52%), Spain (34%) and Germany (20%) among others. Furthermore, 26% and 20% of firms in Namibia and Ivory Coast have female majority ownership which is significantly higher than Sweden (9%) and India (3%).



Whereas 18% and 13% of manufacturing firms in China and Sweden have female top managers, in Liberia, Madagascar and Namibia it is 30%, 28% and 27% respectively – one indication of progress towards gender equality and empowerment of women in Africa. On average, 17% of manufacturing firms in the world have female top managers and a total of 9 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa score higher. Compared to China (38%) and Brazil (30%), the manufacturing sectors in Angola and Tanzania comprise of 51% and 44% full-time and permanent female workers.

