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| **No** | **Law** | **Indicative changes/ambitions related to gender equality/SGBV** |
| 1. | The constitution of the republic of Rwanda 2003 revised in 2015 | - Equal right between women and men, women granted at least 30 percent of the posts in decision-making organs (art.10)  - 24 Of the 80 seats in the chamber of deputies (the legislature) are reserved seats for women (art.75)  - Only civil monogamous marriages recognized.  [More](http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Law_and_Regulations/Official_Gazette_no_Special_of_24.12.2015__2___1_.pdf) |
| 2. | Law NO 32/2016 of 28th August 2016 governing persons and family  Law NO 27/2016 of 08th July 2016 governing matrimonial regimes donations and successions | - Equality in property and inheritance rights between men and women, boys and girls. (art. 54 of succession law) see art 218 of family law.  Read more about the law governing matrimonial regimes donations and successions [here](http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Law_and_Regulations/Official_Gazette_no_31_of_01.08.2016.pdf)  Read more about the law governing persons and family [here](http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Law_and_Regulations/Umuryango_ITEGEKO_RIGENGA_ABANTU_N_UMURYANGO.pdf) |
| 3. | Law NO 54/2011 of 14th December 2011 relating to the rights and the protection of the child. | - Woman’s right to grant her nationality to her child, even if the child’s father is not of Rwandan nationality.  - Protection of girls from forced and early marriage.  [More](http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Laws_and_Regulations/ITEGEKO_UMWANA.pdf) |
| 4. | Law NO 43/2013 of 16th June2013 governing land in Rwanda | - Equal land right between men and women; boys and girls.  [More](http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Laws_and_Regulations/ITEGEKO_RY_UBUTAKA.pdf) |
| 5. | Law NO 59/2008 of 10th September 2008, on the prevention and punishment of Gender-based Violence | - Provides for the protection and relief of victims of violence  - Remedies for the punishment of perpetrators of domestic violence  - Procedures and guidelines to be followed by courts in relation to punishment, protection and compensation of victims of violence.  Also provides for several women friendly measures brought up by the law, clear definition and expansion of the notion rape.  [More](http://gmo.gov.rw/fileadmin/user_upload/Laws/Law_No59-2008_on_the_Prevention_and_Punishment_of_Gender-Based_Violence.pdf) |
| 6. | Law N0 13/2009 of 27th may 2009, Regulating labor in Rwanda | - Protect workers against sexual gender-based violence.  - Protection against discrimination in the workplace based on sex and marital status  - Outlines maternity leave duration, breastfeeding periods - Remuneration during maternity and woman’s right to resume work after the maternity leave.  [More](http://www.minijust.gov.rw/fileadmin/Law_and_Regulations/CODE_DU_TRAVAIL_AU_RWANDA.pdf) |
| 7. | Ministerial order NO 002/08.11 of 11th February 2014 on court fees in civil, commercial, social and administrative matters | All actions relating to the protection of a child’s right and the fight against sexual violence are exempted from paying court fees (art 2).  [More](http://gmo.gov.rw/fileadmin/user_upload/Laws/MINISTERIAL_ORDER__N0_002.08.11_of_11.02.2014__O.G_Sp_12.02.2014_P.44-Court_fees__Art.2_par.4_-court_fees_in_civil_matters.pdf) |

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| **Policy documents** | | **Brief description of changes introduced.** |
| 1. | National Gender policy (2010) | Promotion of gender equality and equity through a clearly defined process for mainstreaming gender needs and concerns across all sectors of development.  [More](http://gmo.gov.rw/fileadmin/user_upload/Laws/National_Gender_Policy_July_2010.pdf) |
| 2. | National policy against Gender-based Violence (2011) | Elimination of GBV through the development of a preventive, protective, supportive and transformative environment.  [More](http://www.migeprof.gov.rw/fileadmin/_migrated/content_uploads/GBV_Policy-2_1_.pdf) |
| 3. | National integrated child rights policy (2011) | Creation of an environment in which child’s development, survival, protection and participation are ensured.  [More](https://www.unicef.org/rwanda/RWA_resources_icrpolicy.pdf) |
| 4. | Gender budgeting guidelines (2008) | Provision of a framework for gender mainstreaming in the planning and budgeting process, addressing the current deficiencies in gender budgeting providing guidelines for budget agencies and other stakeholders to develop budgets that will address the objective of gender equality.  [More](http://www.migeprof.gov.rw/fileadmin/_migrated/content_uploads/GENDER_BUDGETING_GUIDELINES-2.pdf) |

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