

Gender and Transport in The MENA Region

Case Studies From West Bank and Yemen



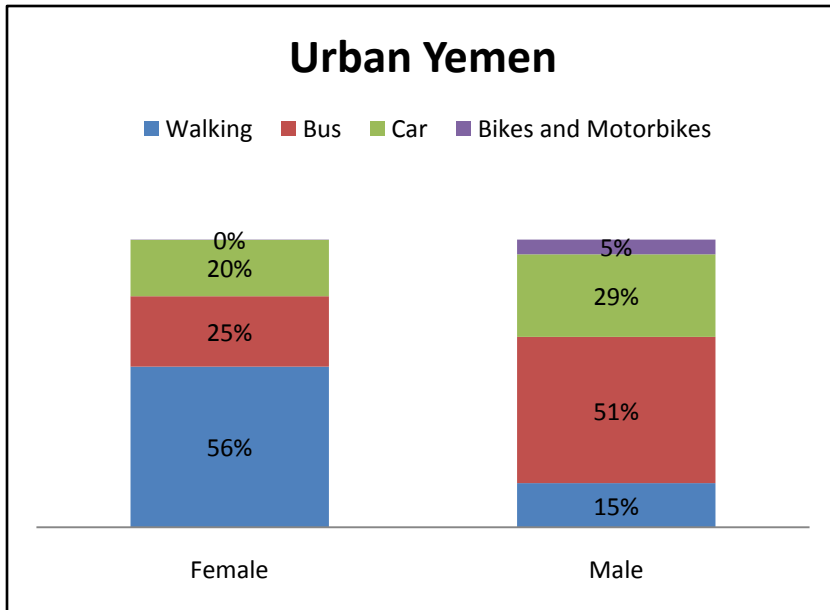
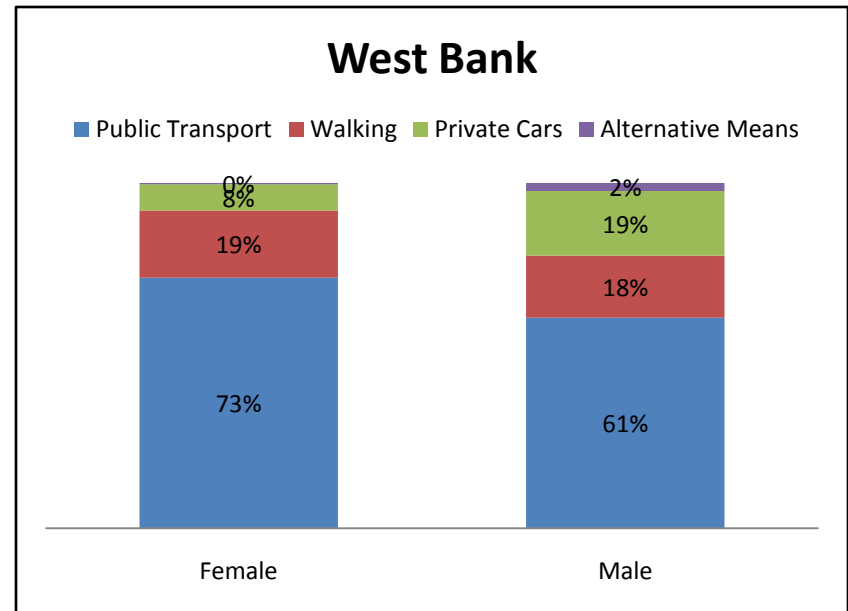
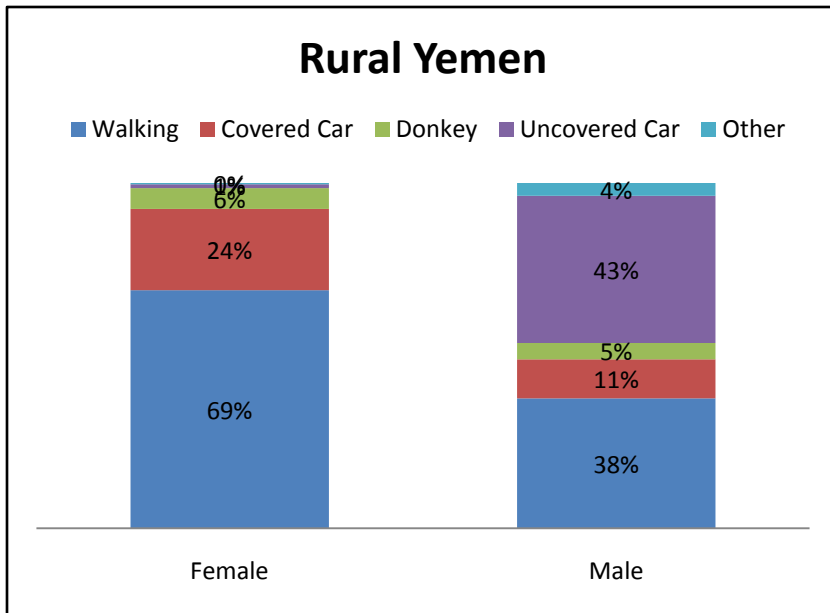
Rationale, Objective

- ***Why Gender and Transport in MENA***
- ***Objectives***
 - gaining a better understanding of the interaction between Gender and Transport
 - identifying priority areas for actions to improve women's mobility

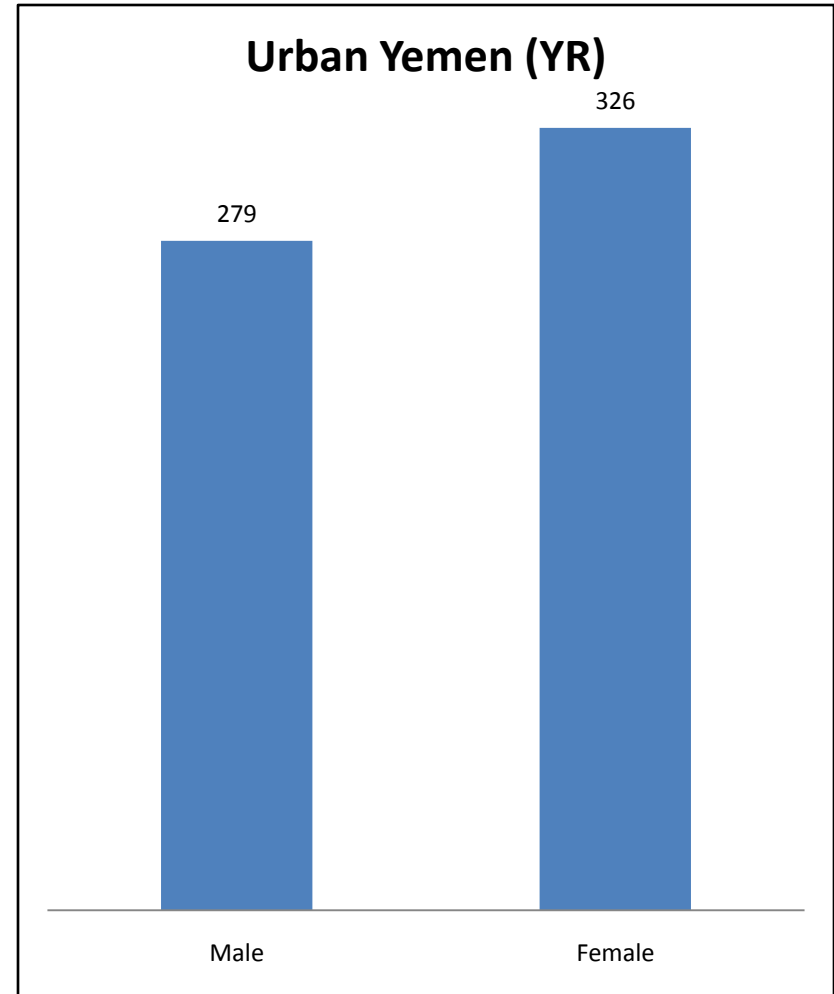
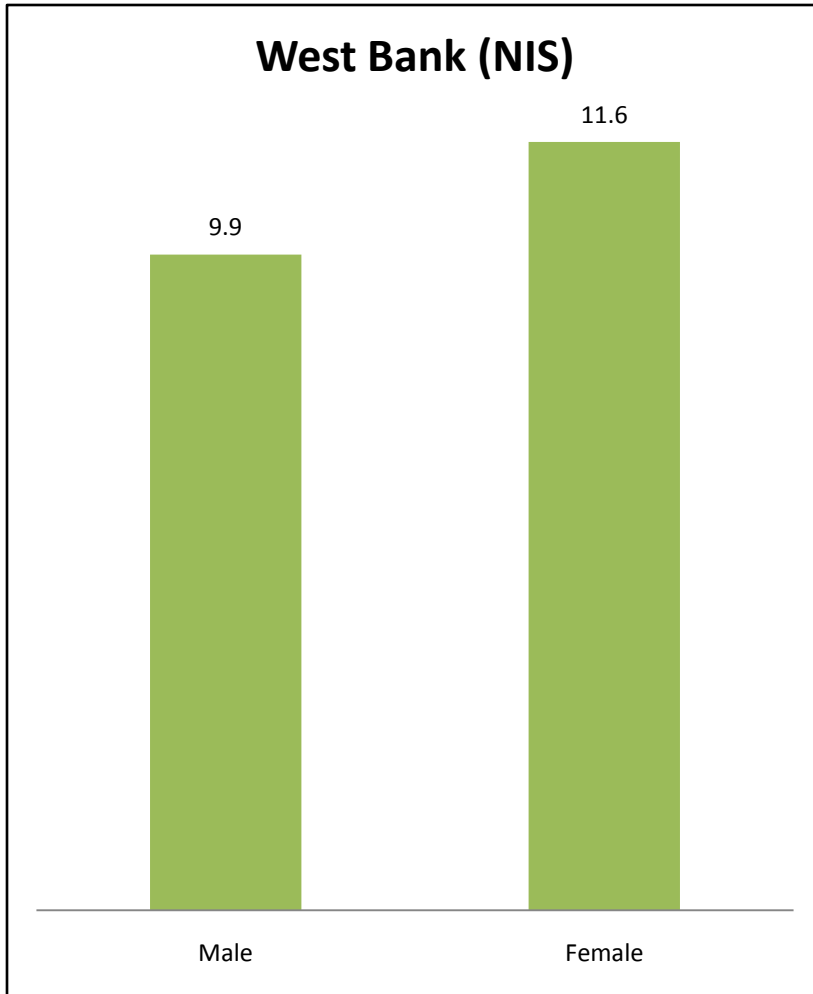
What we did and How

- Two studies in Yemen: rural and urban, one study in West Bank
- Quantitative data collection: around 1300 interviews, and over 10,000 trips analyzed
- Qualitative data collection: around 70 focus group discussions
- Three reports, and similar conclusions

Women walk, or use public transport



Women pay a higher cost per trip



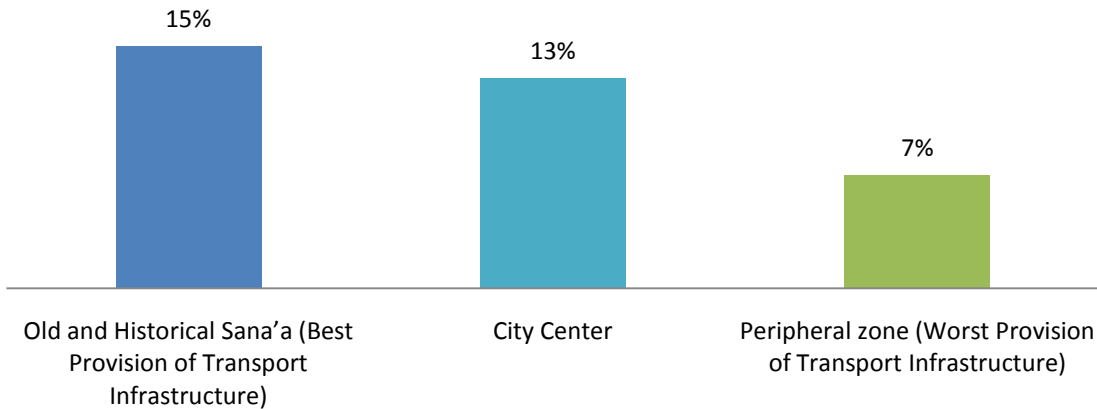
Inefficiencies of public transportation and pedestrian infrastructure affect women's mobility

Woman from West Bank: “After 9 am there is no easy transportation available. I have to order a taxi although it is very expensive, or leave early with university students. Sometimes, I organize my trips outside of the village with relatives who own cars.”

Woman from West Bank “I have a bachelor degree in Arabic. My dream was to be a teacher. Due to mobility restrictions, I opted to stay home and raise my kids.”

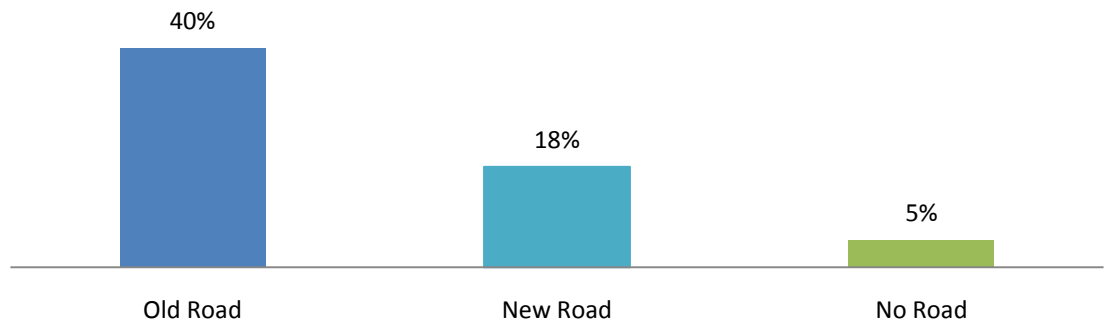
They access a wider range of opportunities when transportation is available, safe and secure

% of Female Workers in the Household (Urban Yemen)



Woman from Sana'a "I'm a teacher. After the school, I give lessons in another neighborhood. I am able to do so because there are buses to bring me to and from the school where I give the private lessons."

Women who Access Mother and Child Care (Rural Yemen)



Woman from Sana'a: "Women and girls can walk the streets of the area without any fear: the streets are lit and full of life and activity."

Recommendations in the urban setting

- Organization of public transport
 - predictable schedules – better access to periphery
 - integrated fares
 - bus stops
 - Enforcing bus safety standards
 - Women's only cab companies
- Provision of pedestrian infrastructure
 - street lighting
 - sidewalks
 - pedestrian crossings
- Street life
 - Training of ethics police
 - Free traffic areas from street vendors

Recommendations for rural Yemen

- Sustain current efforts in providing Yemeni villages with roads.
- Use all available means to create awareness of transport needs and difficulties
- Encourage collective trips by women.
- Develop the availability of intermediate means of transport (donkeys, carts).

The Way Forward

- A Fourth Study in Casablanca
- Letting People Know: the Sector, the Region, the Client
- Integrating Recommendations in Operations