ABSTRACT

One of the national priorities and goals of the human resource development strategic plan outlined by the social sector of the ministry of finance in Rwanda includes the vision of the development of women, upgrading the status of women and facilitating their integration into the total social development. The key objectives of this research were to assess the women empowerment in Kigali city by identifying the household decision making ability of women, their economic decision making capacity and to evaluate the freedom of mobility of women. The findings show that women in Kigali city are better in household decision making and economic decision making than social empowerment. The results show that the majority of women in Kigali city are aware about their rights and duties. The recommendations are to improve the channels of empowerment of women in Kigali city through provision of education and commercial activities.