*Appendix A.* Descriptive statistics for province-level analysis

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|  | ***Mean*** | ***Median*** | ***Min.*** | ***Max.*** | ***SD*** |
| Urbanization | 65.16 | 64.05 | 35.18 | 98.96 | 13.51 |
| Secondary schooling | 34.11 | 34.96 | 10.14 | 63.59 | 8.07 |
| Life expectancy | 76.31 | 76.50 | 72.10 | 78.90 | 1.39 |
| Net migration | –3.56 | –4.27 | –45.58 | 42.17 | 13.25 |
| Average household size | 3.97 | 3.54 | 2.76 | 7.89 | 1.15 |
| Unemployment | 7.76 | 7.28 | 3.46 | 15.28 | 2.41 |
| Female literacy rates | 89.80 | 90.23 | 80.78 | 97.14 | 4.39 |
| Female labor force participation rate | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.18 | 0.51 | 0.07 |
| Female *muhtar* ratio | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.38 | 0.05 |

<TFN>*Sources:* TUIK, SGK, Ministry of Family and Social Policies, and Ministry of Development. All data are at the province level. *N* = 81 (provinces).

*Appendix B.*Survey questions

Original questions in Turkish. OE: Open-ended question. Survey carried out at the full version of Qualtrics.

**1** Please indicate your age group: 18–25; 26–35; 36–45; 46–55; 56 and over.

**2** Please indicate from which province you are participating to the survey (OE).

**3** How do you define where you live? 1 = Urban, 2 = Rural (Respondents in rural areas: 5% of the sample was excluded. All of the reported respondents [*N* = 334] live in urban centers).

**4** Which sectors do you work? Academia, Public Sector, Industry (Textile, Engineering, Construction, Automotive), Service Sector (Public relations, tourism, Shopkeeper), Arts and Crafts, Student, Housewife.

**5** Please indicate your education level. 1 = Primary School, 2 = Secondary School, 3 = University Degree, 4 = Master’s, doctorate.

**6** Do you believe that you have attained a level of education that you have desired; if no, could you please indicate the biggest hurdle against your education? (OE)

**7** Do you believe that your city and neighborhood facilitates your education and knowledge level? 5 = Very positively, 4 = Positively, 3 = Neither positively nor negatively, 2 = Negatively, 1 = Very negatively.

**8** Do you believe that you have economic freedom? 1 = Yes, 0 = No.

**9** Do you believe that you have a say on the number of children you have? 1 = Yes, 2 = No.

**10** Do you have to get permission when you go outside from your husband or your family members (father, mother etc.)? 1 = Yes, 2 = No.

**11** Do you feel safe and comfortable in your neighborhood and city when you walk alone outside? (OE)

**12** Please indicate what you lack the most in your workplace. (OE)

**13** Do you believe that you have to participate more in active politics more than you do as of today? 5 = Much more, 4 = More, 3 = Neither more nor less, 2 = Less, 1 = Much less.

**14** What hinders the women’s political participation the most in our country? (OE)

**15** Please indicate the biggest obstacle you cope with as a woman. (OE)

**16** Have you or any of your close relatives (like your mother or grandmother) ever experienced migration from rural to urban areas? If yes, have you witnessed that urbanization has enhanced the opportunities of women regarding education, health, economy, and politics? (OE)

**17** Do you have anything to add? (OE)

*Appendix C:*Province distribution of the survey

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| ***Already Metropolitan Provinces (3)*****(*n*1 = 220; 0.65 of total survey *N*)** | ***Urbanizing Provinces (40)*****(*n*2 = 114; 0.35 of total survey *N*)** |
| Istanbul (147); Ankara (42); Izmir (31) | Adana (8); Adıyaman (1); Ağrı (1); Antalya (9); Aydın (3); Balıkesir (2); Batman (1); Bursa (10); Çanakkale (1); Denizli (2); Diyarbakır (4); Düzce (1); Edirne (1); Elazığ (3); Erzurum (1); Eskişehir (3); Gaziantep (4); Hatay (3); Isparta (3); Kahramanmaraș (1); Kastamonu (1); Kayseri (3); Kilis (1); Kırklareli (1); Kocaeli (2); Konya (7); Malatya (1); Manisa (2); Mardin (2); Mersin (5); Muğla (7); Nevșehir (1); Ordu (1); Sakarya (1); Samsun (4); Șanlıurfa (2); Tekirdağ (1); Trabzon (3); Van (5); Zonguldak (2).  |

*Note:* Numbers in parentheses next to provinces indicate the number of observations/respondents in that particular province.