**Women & Development**

**SPS-7.D.1** The roles of women change as countries develop economically.

**SPS-7.D.2** Although there are more women in the workforce, they do not have equity in wages or employment opportunities.

**SPS-7.D.3** Microloans have provided opportunities for women to create small local businesses, which have improved standards of living.

***Use the chart to compare the status of women in the selected countries as it relates to development (i.e. answer the five questions).***

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| **Indicator** | **Norway** (core) | **Mexico** (semiperiphery) | **Ethiopia** (periphery) |
| **GNI per capita PPP** | **63,530** | **17,740** | **1,890** |
| **Infant Mortality rate** | **2.3** per 1,000 live births | **17** per 1,000 live births | **40** per 1,000 live births |
| **Maternal mortality rate** | **2** per 100,000 live births | **33** per 100,000 live births | **401** per 100,000 live births |
| **Total Fertility Rate** | **1.6** | **2.2** | **4.4** |
| **% Married Women 15-49 using modern contraception methods** | **82%** | **65%** | **35%** |
| **Labor force participation** | **60%** | **44%** | **74%** |
| **Women as a % of parliament** | **40.8%** (ranked #14) | **48.2%** (ranked #4) | **38.8%** (ranked #19) |
| **Gender Inequality Index (GII)** | **0.048** (ranked #5) | **0.343** (ranked #76) | **0.502** (ranked #121) |

1. Using the data on the table, identify a pattern/connection between a country’s wealth (GNI per capita PPP) and the health of women & children in that country.
2. In what data areas from the chart are the most dramatically different when comparing countries in different levels of development? What is an explanation for these differences?
3. What can explain the differences in labor force participation % in the three countries?
4. Explain something on the chart that surprises you and explain why.
5. What is the role of microloans (microcredit) in changing the lives of women in developing countries (use your “Trade and the World Economy” activity or the Internet)?