

Kuwait's 2005 Political Rights Law — Suffrage Without Sustained Representation

Gender Equality · Good practice · Kuwait

Quality score: 26/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Kuwait's 2005 law granting women the vote and right to stand for office produced a peak of 4 elected women (2009) but zero in later elections, and in May 2024 the Emir suspended parliament entirely, showing rights can coexist with reversed gains.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	1/1

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

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