

PPIC = Empowerment of women in Pakistan

Outline:

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Introduction:

~~Thesis Statement: Therefore understanding importance of women empowerment and steps to improve these challenges are crucial to ensure empowerment.~~

2) Current ~~Social~~ Situation in Pakistan:

A) Educational deprivation leads to early marriages, poverty and also have educational disparities.

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B) Poor healthcare sector and lack of trained medical professional impact women health.

C) Work place harassment faced by many women and they hesitate to report due to fear of social stigma and lack of trust in justice.

D) Limited role in politics due to societal pressure and criticism.

- Some ^{example of} political role ~~etc~~

3) Quote of Quaid-i-Azam for expression of nation development

4) Importance of empowering women for nation development.

A) Empowering women ~~can~~ has direct impact on economic development as women participate in workplace esy grow GDP.

B) Empowered women are better able to access healthcare ~~with~~ leads to healthier families and communities.

C) Empowered women could break the cycle of poverty.

D) Women Participation in Politics Promotes social justice and gender equality.

E) Empowered women challenged traditional role gender role and stereotypes.

5) ~~What the government done~~

A) Bills and legal reform for the protection of women.

A) Protection Against Harassment of women at workplace Act 2010

B) ~~Domestic ~~act~~ ~~protection~~ ~~harassment~~~~

B) Domestic violence Act 2013

C) Anti-Rape ordinance 2021

D) Mobile application

6) Step for Prioritizing Women Empowerment.

- A) Increase access to education and trained female teachers.
- B) Developing skill that help women to earn along with safe environment.
- C) Offered free services to emergency and pregnancies ~~the~~ related issues.
- D) Encouraged women in Politics by increasing reserved seats for women in local and national assemblies.
- E) ~~SP~~ Support women's participation in online earning like freelancing and e-commerce platforms.

7) Conclusion.

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Essay: Women Empowerment in Pakistan

"When we empower women, we empower humanity" — **Melinda Gates**

This powerful quote reflects the transformative potential of women empowerment. In Pakistan, where women make up almost half of the population, empowering them is crucial for both ^{social} justice and economic development. Despite significant improvement women still face some challenges like low literacy rate, limited access to healthcare, and gender based violence hinder women potential. Therefore understanding importance of women empowerment and steps to improve these challenges are crucial to ensure empowerment.

Women empowerment in Pakistan varies significantly between urban and rural areas, with numerous challenges continuing to affect progress. While government initiatives have made effort in improving access to education, healthcare and employment opportunities but cultural and societal barriers remain a major obstacle.

In rural areas, many girls are

are ~~deprived~~ of education due to poverty, early marriages and lack of nearby school. Even where school exist, inadequate facilities and shortage of female teachers discourage families from sending girls in school. Urban areas have better ~~offer~~ access to education and profession opportunity, but still face some where harassment and ~~low~~ pay inequality issues. Many women in rural areas doing unpaired job within household or fields. Economic empowerment programs such as loan and skill development initiative have benefitted some women, but a large number remain excluded due to ~~long~~ lack of awareness or cultural restriction. Islam has made it mandatory for both ~~men and women~~ to get education. Article 25A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan says that education is a fundamental right of every citizen. But according to global gender gap report 2018 by world Economic forum Pakistan rank overall 139/149 in educational attainment. There is more enrollment of men in educational institutions than women. These gap between men and women is less from primary

to higher secondary education but it is more at degree level.

In healthcare, maternal mortality rates remain high due to inadequate healthcare facilities and limited access to trained medical professionals. Some areas of Pakistan like KPK ignored women health. Many women died during pregnancy complication. Maternal mortality rate in Pakistan is 340 out of 100,000 pregnancies and 80% women delivering at home. Although initiative like the Sehat Sahulat Program have helped, many women in remote area are unaware of such initiative. Legal reforms have provided a framework to combat domestic violence and harassment but implementation is weak. Women in conservative communities often hesitate to report abuse due to fear of social stigma or lack of trust in the justice system.

In Politics, and leadership, while more women are entering these fields but still limited and often face significant societal pressure and criticism. Despite pressure from society country has produced politicians like Benazir Bhutto who was first executive head

of Islamic country. Some other politicians like Sherry Rehman, Fehmida Mirza, Hina Rabbani Khair and others show that there is encouraging environment for women in Pakistan. There are instances of Mukhtarana Bibi, Tehmina Durrani and Malala Yousafzai are suffered in the hands of violent perpetrators mainly due to social and political reasons.

- "No nation can rise to height of the glory unless their women are side by side them. It is crime against humanity that our women are shut up within four walls of the houses as prisoners. There is no sanction anywhere for the ~~deplorable~~ deplorable condition in which our women have to live

— **Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**

This quote express the role of women in nation development and progress. Empowering women has a direct impact on economic development. Studies show that when women participate equally in workplace, economies grow faster. In Pakistan, if women had equal access to the labor market, the country GDP could ~~significantly~~ significantly increase. ~~Women are also more likely to reinvest their income in their families improving overall wellbeing of communities.~~

Empowered women are better able to access healthcare and make informed choices about their health, including maternal and reproductive health. This leads to healthier families and communities. Educated women tend to have fewer children and invest more in their children's education and health; breaking the cycle of poverty. When women have control over their finances and the ability to work, they can lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

Women's empowerment leads to greater political representation, ensuring that women's voices are heard in policymaking. For example, Benazir Bhutto became Prime Minister, she effort for raising the political voice of women, sexual and reproductive rights of women. ~~So this was basically a good~~ Golden Countries with higher female political participation often have more progressive and inclusive policies. It also promotes social justice and gender equality. It ensures that women have the same rights, opportunities and access as men.

Furthermore, Empowering women challenges traditional gender roles and stereotypes, encouraging a more equal

and diverse society. It creates a culture of respect and mutual understanding, where both men and women pursue their goals and aspirations without being limited by societal expectations. The benefits of empowering women extend beyond individual families to entire societies. As women gain education and economic independence, they become agents of change, pushing for reforms that benefit all members of society. Empowered women are more likely to advocate policies that promote social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

The Pakistani government has introduced several bills and legal reforms to ensure women and address gender-based inequalities. For example, the Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act (2010) provides a safe working environment by defining and penalizing workplace harassment. Another is the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act (2013) which aims to protect women from domestic abuse by providing legal remedies and establishing protection committees to assist victims. Moreover, the Anti-Rape Ordinance (2011) introduced faster trials for rape cases. Furthermore, the government should introduce a mobile application for the security of women.

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The government needs to take further step to empower women in power. First, increasing access to education is crucial. This involves building more schools, particularly in rural areas and ensuring these facilities are safe and accessible for girls. Offering scholarship and financial aid would help reduce the economic burden on families while training and employing more female teachers can encourage parents to send their daughters to school. Raising awareness about the importance of girls' education through community campaigns can also play a significant role in shifting societal attitudes.

Next, promoting economic participation is vital for women's empowerment. ~~Introd~~ Introducing vocational training programs ~~to~~ IT skill, handcrafting and ~~tech~~ providing interest free loans can help to start their own ~~startups~~ business, while ensuring safe and harassment-free environment. Legal protection need to be strengthened and enforced to ensure women's safety and rights. This includes enforcement of laws against honor killing, workplace harassment and child marriages.

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Strengthening healthcare service is another step to expand maternal and child healthcare services in remote areas. ~~can~~ Offering free ^{services to} emergency condition and pregnancy related issue is essential. Furthermore launching awareness campaigns on reproductive health and family planning are important measure to improve women's health outcomes.

Encouraging women in leadership is crucial for societal change. Increasing reserved seats for women in local and national assemblies and promoting female leadership in government, private sectors, and community organizations would create a more inclusive society.

Closing the digital gender gap is another important area. Providing affordable internet and digital devices to women in rural areas and offering digital literacy program would empower ~~power~~ women to participate in the online economy. Support women's participation in freelancing and e-commerce platforms can further enhance their economic independence.

In short, empowering women in Pakistan is essential for more

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just, equitable society. By focusing
of key areas such as education,
economic participation, healthcare,
digital inclusion and addressing
cultural barriers, with collective effort
and strong commitment, Pakistan
can unlock the full potential of
its women, paving the way for a
brighter and more inclusive future.

"There is no tool for development
more effective than the empowerment
of women." — Kofi Annan.

