

# ESSAY

## GENDER EQUALITY CAN BE POSSIBLE WITH THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

### OUTLINES

#### (i) Introduction

- a) Definition of gender equality
- b) Definition of women empowerment
- c) Relationship of gender equality and women empowerment

#### Thesis statement

Women's empowerment is a critical aspect of achieving gender equality. It includes increasing a woman's sense of self worth, her decision-making power, her access to opportunities and resources, her power and control over her own life inside and outside the home, and her ability to effect change.

#### (ii) Gender parity in education

- a) Girls make up a higher percentage of out-of-school children than boys
- b) Prioritization of education for sons.
- c) Educated girl is more productive to the society.
- d) Education let women <sup>to have</sup> ~~decide~~ better and informed decisions.

#### (iii) Women's health and safety

- a) Women having fewer opportunities for health education
- b) Unequal power in sexual partnership
- c) Gender-based violence.
- d) Maternal health is also an issue of specific concern.
- e) Quality maternal health care - empower mothers.

#### (iv) Women's economic and political empowerment

- a) Women's deprivation of rights to own land or to inherit property.
- b) Women's facing job discrimination
- c) United states - 19<sup>th</sup> in rank - Gender gap index.

#### (v) Case studies

- a) Norway
- b) Finland
- (c) Sweden

## vi) Challenges to gender equality

- a) Fewer opportunities for women in economic participation
- b) Less access to basic and higher education of women
- c) Greater health and safety risk of women
- d) Less women's political representation.

## vii) Conclusion

- a) Empowered women and girls' contribution in productivity of their families, communities and countries - ripple effect that benefits everyone.