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## Women's Empowerment as the ~~foundation~~ catalyst for Economic Growth:

### ① Introduction:

#### Thesis Statement:-

"Women's Empowerment is the foundation of sustainable development because it drives economic growth, strengthens governance, improves social welfare, and ensures better future."

### ② Women's Empowerment is catalyst for Economic growth.

#### ②a Half of population as work force.

Women make up nearly 50% of the world's population.

Source: World Bank (2024).

#### ②b Boost in GDP contribution:

Women's full participation can raise GDP by 20% in developing countries (IMF: 2024)

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(2c) Breaking poverty cycle:  
Women reduces poverty  
at household and community  
level : (UNDP 2025).

### (3) Education of Women Driving Growth:

(3a) Skilled workforce creation.  
female education increases  
productivity and innovation  
(UNESCO 2025)

(3b) Better Entrepreneurship rates  
women entrepreneurs generate  
jobs and diversify economies.  
(ILO 2024)

(3c) Intergenerational impact of  
Empowered women.  
Educated mothers ensure  
better schooling for children,  
fueling growth.  
(World Bank 2025)

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## ④ Women Employment And innovation.

(4a) Increase in Labor force participation

Women's inclusion in labor boosts national income : (OECD 2025).

(4b) Rise of Women-led startups - High women-owned businesses Worldwide.

(Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (2024).)

(4c) Innovation through diversity  
diverse teams, including women, perform 25% better in innovation  
(McKinsey (2025))

## ⑤ Barriers Hindering Women Empowerment

(5a) cultural and social restrictions  
stereotypes still limit women's mobility and work  
UN-Women (2024).

(5b) Gender pay gap & inequality  
women earn 20% than men globally (ILO: 2025)

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(5) Lack of supportive policies  
many nations lack family-  
friendly workplace laws  
(World Economic Forum 2025)

## 6) Strategies for Women Empowerment

(6a) Equal access to education & skills:  
gender-equal STEM training  
(UNESCO 2025)

(6b) Inclusive workplace policies:  
parental leave, flexible hours  
& safe environments.  
(ILO 2024)

(6c) Access to finance for women:  
microfinance and credit support  
for women entrepreneurs.  
(World Bank 2024)

(7) Conclusion:

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Similarly, United Nation Development Programme (UNDP 2023), stresses that empowering women at the community level improves resilience against poverty and inequality. In simple words, empowering women means empowering families, communities, and nations. Sustainable Development, which is about balancing economic growth with social welfare and environmental protection, cannot be achieved without the active role of women. Therefore women's empowerment is not only an ethical responsibility but also the most practical key to achieving fair, prosperous, and sustainable future for the whole world.