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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

The key to a nation's success is the empowerment of its women. Empowered women directly play a role in building great nations. By providing equal rights, education, ~~to women~~ and opportunities to women, it leads to their greater participation in the workforce, thereby ~~increasing~~ boosting a nation's GDP. For instance, Bangladesh garment industry became a major global supplier and has been a vital factor in the country's economic growth. It did so because 80% of its workforce consists of women. Not only did this empower the women by providing them stable income, it also contributes significantly to Bangladesh's GDP. Moreover, empowered and educated women are essential in breaking cycles of poverty. Educated women prioritise education for their families thereby making sure that her children and the generations to come can experience social mobility. Educated women can also make informed health choices for their children, leading to healthier families and lower infant mortality rate. A case in point is Pakistan,

where the ~~in~~ majority of the population is illiterate, the infant mortality rate stands at a staggering 53.54 deaths per 1,000 live births. The former number remains significantly higher than the global average of 27.1 deaths per 1000 live births.

Thus proving that an illiterate population is unable to make wise decisions regarding health. Lastly, societies where women have an active participation in public governance and leadership are less prone to conflict and tend to have better governance. UN Women reports state ~~where~~ countries with higher female parliamentary representation are statistically less likely to use force in international disputes and are likely to push peace agreements that last. The Scandinavian nations like Norway, Sweden and Finland are a case in point: with high gender equality on all indexes including politics, these countries consistently rank among the most peaceful and well-governed countries as per the Global Peace index report. All these reasons are why women empowerment is not just an option but a must to achieve economic growth, social stability and global peace.