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THE PARAGRAPH (250 words).

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

Kofi Annan (7th Secretary General of UN)

Women empowerment is a key factor for the development and stability of any nation, as it ensures equal rights, dignity and access to opportunities for all citizens.

According to global studies, countries that empower women through education, employment and equal rights tend to achieve faster economic growth and social progress. For instance, nations like Canada and Norway have made great advances by ensuring gender equality. Empowering women means giving them equal access to education, health, financial independence and decision-making roles. In Pakistan, the government has taken several steps to support women, especially through programs like the Benazir Income Support program (BISP). As of now, over 9 million

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women are receiving financial assistance under BISP, with a target to reach 10 million plus beneficiaries by 2025.

This initiative helps poor women meet their basic needs and give them a sense of financial security. However, issues like early marriages, domestic violence and unequal work opportunities still create barriers. To overcome these challenges, both policy reforms and public awareness are needed. Reaching 10 million women through BISP shows a national commitment to supporting women in need. However, financial aid alone is not enough. Real empowerment happens when women are also educated, protected and included in all areas of society. By combining social support with education, safety and equal rights, Pakistan can build a more just and successful future where empowered women play a central role in development.

