

Women Empowerment

"No nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you..... It is a crime against humanity that our women are silent within four walls of the houses as prisoners?"

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Women empowerment is the process which assures women their rights, and access to their education, social life, political life, and their bodily autonomy. It is a process that has always contributed in country's progress which has empowered its women. Women empowerment is a difficult task to achieve in developing countries as well as for some developed countries, because the society is patriarchal and male-dominated and it hinders the empowerment and progress of women. Women are essential part of our society and thus cannot be ignored. However, women have seen their suppression and denial of their rights in the history, but, nowadays due to various awareness raising programs and women's contributions for the betterment of society has empowered them in various sectors of society.

In a country like Pakistan, women are still struggling to achieve their basic fundamental rights, because patriarchy and male-domination is deep-rooted in our society. Pakistani women are facing various challenges, including poor access to education, early marriages, no high paid jobs, no political influence and so on. There is not a single sector of public and private life where women are their own decision-makers. Women empowerment can be said as a key to society's progress and that can be achieved by giving women equal rights as men, by treating them as important pillar of society and by giving them easy access and facilities in sectors such as health, education, politics, workforce, and household. There are certain requirements that needs to be fulfilled by a society to ensure ~~it~~ that its women are empowered because women empowerment will help to create a just and moral society, where every gender leading to every person will have the opportunity to thrive.