

Women Empowerment

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“Never will I forget the day when the beadle bade me turn off the grass. Never will I forget the snub of being told that ladies are not admitted to the library of men's university.”
-: Virginia Woolf: A room of one's own

Women empowerment is giving women equal rights and opportunities as men. It is a pressing problem that is not limited to a country or region. The aforementioned quote of Virginia Woolf who despite being a writer in England was barred from entering in a public university just because she was not a man.

So, the reason why women empowerment is so important lies in ^{men and} women inequality around the globe.

The problem of rising inequality is even more severe in developing countries. Firstly, there is a huge gap in access to use of technology.

According to a research conducted by Mobile Gender Gap (2024) based on 12 developing countries, Pakistan ranks the highest in terms of gap between men and women access to mobile internet. The gap is around 30%. The report revealed that only 50% of women in Pakistan have so far gained access to internet phones.

Secondly, women in Pakistan also lack access to education. According to World Bank Report (2024), "around 60% of girls are out of schools because of poverty or unwillingness of guardians". Another reason.

Why empowering is so important is the increasing cases of violence. 60,000 cases of sexual harassment and domestic violence have been reported in the recent year in Pakistan.

According to United Nations Development Report (UNDP 2024) every 1 in 3 women ~~has faced~~ ^{was abused by} men in the developing countries. Violence against ^{women} is seen to rise in the time of climate disaster. Another UNDP (2024) report ^{has} revealed that a lesser known cause of women-abuse is climate change. For instance, human trafficking of young girls in guise of post-disaster aid was done during Ethiopian drought. Similarly, after the Hurricane Katrina (2005) rape cases increased 53 times in Mississippi, America. Lack of shelter, poverty, and displacement ^{such instances reveal that} is generally used as an opportunity to abuse women. ~~All these cases show that women empowerment has become an increasingly pressing problem.~~ If right policies and strict punishments are not implemented, the suffrage of women will continue to rise exponentially.