

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 universities.”

-: 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 women inequality around the globe. ^{man and}

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 United Nations Development Report (UNDP 2024) every 1 in 3 woman ~~has faced abuse by men~~ ^{was abused by}

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

lessor known cause of women-abuse

is climate change. For instance, human

traficking of young girls in guise

of post-disaster aid was done during

Ethopian drought. Similarly,

after the Hurricane Katrina (2005)

rape cases increased 53 times in

Mississippi, America. Lack of shelter,

poverty, and displacement is

such instances reveal that 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.