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In September 2015 seventeen sustainable goals were adopted by the National Assembly in order to achieve the Sustainable Development prosperity in the whole world. The new agenda emphasizes the fact that sustainable goals and development should be promoted, implemented and achieved for all people and in every single corner of the world. It should be mentioned that gender equality indicators are progressing and the position of women in the society has improved. However, in comparison with other sustainable goals gender inequality continues to be a part of many countries' mentality, traditions and social structure. As a result, domestic violence against women and children is a great concern nowadays and requires even more effort for it to be stopped.

The research has shown that women represent half of the world's population and eliminating their rights restrains half of the world's potential in every sphere of life. Thus, it is extremely important to provide women with equal access to education, healthcare, economic resources, participation in politics and decision-making processes. Nevertheless, violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violation in our world today.

According to UN data 18 percent of girls aged between 15 - 49 years old were reported to have experienced sexual and/or physical violence by their partner in previous 12 months of a relationship. What is more, 49 countries have no laws that could protect women from domestic violence. With this intention, it is of paramount importance to put an end to all types of gender violence and discrimination. At the same time, the number of child marriages has decreased in many countries especially in South Asia, where the risk for girls getting married while still being children has

declined by ¼ by 2018. Unlike sud-Sharian region where amount of such marriages has decreased to a smaller extent.

Furthermore, female genital mutilation(FGM) remains a very serious problem since it is practiced in many countries and more than 200 million girls were estimated to have undergone this procedure. Equally, important that in accordance with World Health Organization FGM causes injuries to female genital organs for non-medical reasons and it does not have any long or short term health benefits. Coupled with the fact that it is an undebatable violation of the human rights and is not legally prohibited by law in many countries. All things considered, a gender-based framework should be implemented in countries' law systems. Nevertheless, female genital mutilation cases have declined by 30 percent in the past decade but the problem remains unsolved.

In terms of decisions about the nature of sexual relations and the use of contraceptives only 57 percent of women are responsible for the choice-making process. The growing amount of statistics shows that 20-50 percent of women from country to country experience domestic violence.

Given these points, gender equality goal remains the most challenging one since historically women have always had more inferior position in the society in comparison with the men's one and that inequality remains being a part of many cultures around the world. However, the humanity has already made reasonable progress in achieving sustainable development and there is no way for women empowerment to be slowed down.

Since gender inequality can be seen in every sphere of life different world organizations have their opinion on

that issue and try to change the situation by various means. For instance, UNICEF believes that boys and girls who are brought up by gender biased adults and who witness gender-based violence at home are likely to show the same violence in their future relationships. UNICEF integrates gender equality principles in all areas of UNICEF's work. For instance, in primary schools across the globe they promote educational strategies to prevent domestic violence.

Unesco also makes a move in eliminating gender inequalities. They consider all forms of gender discrimination to be a significant barrier to achieving sustainable development. UNESCO participates in empowering women in the whole world by the creation of an electronic newsletter "Gender wire". This platform is intended to inform members of their community about relevant facts and events concerning UNESCO work on gender equality.

UN women plays a huge role in promoting gender equality since this community was founded for that. Thus, their main goal is to eliminate gender domestic violence against women and girls across the globe.

UN convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination and gender violence is one of UN projects as well. It is an agenda which states the way and the schedule of how gender equality principles should be implemented in all countries. Those countries who have signed the treaty are obliged to submit regular reports on the results each participant has achieved.

Gender equality is also the focus of UNAIDS. They are inclined to believe that there is still a lot of needed to be done in order to guarantee sustainable development all over the world. In their opinion gender discrimination is a world epidemic and that is why UNAIDS try to provide as many people with applicable sexuality education as possible.

UNDP takes the initiative to ensure that women do not experience any gender violence. They are working with the government of the countries that have certain problems in dealing with inequalities on their own.

To conclude, sustainable development and gender particularly equality are the main focus of the most world organization nowadays. World organizations create and apply various plans, agendas and strategies of how and in what time period gender equality should be implemented in different countries. They cooperate with each other and with the governments that support and promote their ideas. As already been mentioned there is still a lot to be done to empower women and to provide them with equal rights. All world organizations take an act in establishing sustainable development by focusing on different spheres of life in correspondence with organization's purposes and intentions.

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