



Why is women's economic empowerment important?

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“All peoples have the right of self-determination.

By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.”

**International Covenant on
Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 1**



79 and 71 % of HIV-positive widows in India and Indonesia respectively were denied by their family-in-law a share in their deceased husband's property or assets.

UNDP APCR (2011)

“ Women are spending so much time collecting water and fodder that there is no time left for even employment guarantee work that had been started in the village.

A 40 year old woman in Nimon Village, Maharashtra, India, Cited in Mahajan

UNDP India (2012)



Recommendation 1

Recognise, Reduce and Redistribute unpaid work (the 3R Strategy) - prerequisites for women's economic empowerment

UNDP Policy brief (2009) "Unpaid Care Work,"

Fontana, Marzia (n.d.) "

Recommendation 2

Have **macroeconomic policies** (e.g., taxation), **industrial policies**, and **trade policies** that enable women's economic empowerment in place.

Recommendation 3

Reflect women's voices
(particularly women in low-income households) **in decision-making and throughout programme cycles.**