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Introduction

Gender inequality remains one of the most difficult issues plaguing the world today. Despite significant progress in gender equality in recent years, women and girls still face discrimination and exclusion in all aspects of life. This is why achieving SDG 5, which promotes gender equality and empowers all women and girls, is critical.

The main content of this article is to discuss the importance of SDG 5 on a global scale and the challenges that need to be addressed to achieve gender equality. The specific research question is: What are the key drivers of gender inequality and how can we work to create a fairer world for women and girls?

The Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals are a call to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure a happy life for all. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. (United Nations, 2015) The Sustainable Development Goals aim to address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change and environmental degradation.

SDG#5: Achieving Gender Equality

The issue of gender equality can not only solve the problem of women's rights, but also solve the economic problem. An example would be an economic shortage caused by a shortage of labor in the country. When women and girls are empowered, they can contribute to the development of families, communities and nations. However, despite significant progress in recent years, gender inequality remains a pervasive problem that needs to be addressed. Women

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and girls still face discrimination in education, employment and political representation. (United Nations, n.d.)

Findings and Discussion

The challenge of achieving Sustainable Development Goal 5 will be difficult and there are several articles exploring solutions to this problem. In this article, “Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,” United Nations (2022) describes the progress made towards achieving SDG5. They discuss the successes and limitations of previous gender equality frameworks, including the Millennium Development Goals, and outlines the achievements and prospects for the Sustainable Development Goals. According to the United Nations, while progress has been made in some areas, such as access to education and health care, gender inequality remains pervasive in many areas, including the workplace and politics. They emphasized the need for a more targeted and holistic approach to gender equality and called for consideration of the multiple forms of discrimination women and girls face. For example, in terms of education, in many poverty-stricken areas people will always give priority to boys' education, and girls often need to take on the responsibility of family labor earlier. This has resulted in lower average educational attainment of local girls.

This book, *Cities, slums and gender in the Global South: Towards a feminized urban future* (Chant & McIlwaine, 2015) examines the impact of the gender dimension of urbanization on the achievement of SDG 5. Chant and McIlwaine argue that increasing global urbanization is feminizing poverty, with women and girls in urban areas facing economic, social and political marginalization. They discussed how gender inequality persists in urban settings, such as difficulty finding job opportunities and violence against women. The authors also highlight the potential of the SDGs to address these challenges and promote gender equality, taking into

account women's different experiences and needs. For example, for women in different countries, provide corresponding international assistance according to their age, religion, and education level, and increase the status and rights of local women and their education level. In this way, female groups can provide more help for the construction and development of the country.

Conclusion

In conclusion, achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is critical to creating a more equitable, peaceful and sustainable world. This essay explores the importance of SDG 5 and the challenges that need to be addressed to achieve gender equality.

While the challenge of addressing gender inequality by 2030 is enormous, significant progress has been made and various initiatives have been undertaken to help address the problem. For example, the establishment of specialized girls' education schools to give women more opportunities to vote. Welfare organizations conduct popular science for local women to eradicate local bad habits against women. I believe that through our efforts, together we can create a more sustainable and equitable future that promotes equality, prosperity and social progress for all.

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