

UN women and DESA report on gender equality worldwide

Abstract

The text makes an analysis of the report made available by the United Nations Organization and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs on the gender equality debate and the long road ahead for countries to equalize the social and current issues of women and girls.

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Discussion on the conclusions of “the gender snapshot” report

The United Nations Women’s Organization (UN Women) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) have produced a report describing the social situation of the struggle for gender equality between men and women. The results of the survey, known as “The Gender Snapshot”, do not look promising for the coming years. It described that, in order to achieve a balance between men and women, an investment of approximately US\$360 billion (R\$1.8 trillion) per year would be needed by 2030. This amount would go towards implementing the global action plans set out in the 2030 Agenda, which brings together a series of objectives for sustainable development. One of the objectives is characterized by SDG 5, gender equality, which basically has the role of implementing initiatives to achieve gender parity, as well as guaranteeing broad female participation at all levels and in all social scenarios.

The data released provides a global analysis of the social situation of women and points out that in Latin America and the Caribbean, approximately 13 million women can be subject to poverty by the year 2050, in addition to the lack of food resources, which could impact on more than 20 million of them if the current scenario is maintained.

The data shows that women lag behind men in a number of areas, such as 28.2% of women in command positions in the workplace, 35.5% in local government and 26.7% in parliamentary seats.

The report concludes that no country is fully organized to eradicate domestic violence, and in only 27 countries is there a system that guarantees resources for public policies aimed at gender equality. This parallels the principle of the dignity of the human person, which is the highest principle of the democratic state of law and which should belong to everyone equally. According to Fábio Comparato, all human beings, despite the countless biological and cultural differences that distinguish them from one another, deserve equal respect, as the only

beings in the world capable of loving, discovering truth and creating beauty. Therefore, all that is being sought in women’s fight for equality is respect and equality at all social levels.

The perpetration of violence, traditionalism, the cultural level of a given place and the lack of support are the main issues that lead a society to perpetrate inequality between men and women. The report released by the UN only reaffirms the difficulty in equalizing women with men in today’s society, which is why the implementation of programs aimed at gender equality, such as the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), are fundamental to appeasing the effects of a multiform society.¹⁻³

Conclusion

The current moment is delicate and requires efforts from all countries to alleviate the effects of global gender inequality, such as creating innovative solutions to make women and girls protagonists in society and equalizing leadership opportunities at all public levels.

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