

SUSTAINABLE WOMEN INITIATIVE

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Currently, international organizations play a significant role in eradicating economic violence against women. Economic violence against women is one of the most widespread problems in the world, and this type of violence manifests itself in limiting women's financial independence, depriving them of economic resources, or violating their labor rights. The United Nations (UN) implements specific measures in this area, striving to protect the economic rights of women and combat all forms of violence. According to UN sectoral agencies, economic violence is committed through actions such as restricting women's rights to freely use economic resources, forcing them into financial dependence, obstructing their participation in the labor market, confiscating wages, or restricting their employment opportunities. This type of violence negatively affects the role of women in society, their well-being, and economic equality. The UN has identified the eradication of all forms of violence against women as one of its priorities. UN actions in the field of women's rights, including initiatives to combat economic violence, are aimed at ensuring equal rights for women in all spheres. To achieve these goals, the UN is implementing the following measures:

Adoption of international documents:

1. The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) is an important international document aimed at protecting the economic rights of women. This document places obligations on states to prevent economic violence against women.
2. Article 5 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provides for gender equality and women's economic empowerment.
3. Research and reporting: UN Women and UNDP conduct research to analyze economic violence and develop effective policies against it. Through such studies, the scale and impact of economic violence are determined.
4. Cooperation with States and Organizations: The UN facilitates the development of national policies against economic violence by establishing close cooperation with Member States. It also helps to solve this problem through cooperation with regional and non-governmental organizations.

The UN focuses on the following areas in the fight against economic violence:

1. Expanding women's economic opportunities: Women's financial independence is a key factor in their protection from economic violence.
2. Legislative reforms: The UN encourages states to adopt effective laws aimed at protecting women. These laws include protecting women's labor rights, preventing discrimination, and ensuring equal access to economic resources.
3. Support for cultural and social change: To reduce economic violence, it is important to eliminate gender stereotypes in society and strengthen the role of women. The UN contributes to cultural change by conducting educational campaigns aimed at gender equality.
4. Increasing access to financial instruments: Providing women with access to financial services is crucial for preventing economic violence. The UN implements programs to improve banking services, microcredit, and financial literacy.

The UN has implemented a number of successful projects to combat economic violence:

- Sustainable Women Initiative: This program is aimed at ensuring the economic independence of women, including vocational training, improving financial knowledge, and developing entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Gender Budgeting Program: The UN assists States in drawing up state budgets that take into account gender aspects. This program ensures the consideration of women's economic rights and interests.
- Measures taken by the UN to eliminate economic violence against women play an important role in solving this problem. UN activities, such as the adoption of international documents, conducting research, cooperation with states, and promoting cultural change in society, contribute to the protection of women's economic rights and the achievement of their equality. These efforts are aimed at ensuring sustainable development not only for women, but for society as a whole.

Currently, a number of tasks are required within the framework of the prevention of the fight against economic violence. Because economic violence is a form of violence carried out by limiting a person's financial capabilities, harming their economic independence, or violating their right to use material resources. Such violence not only causes physical or psychological harm to the individual, but also has a serious negative impact on their social development. In the modern world, economic violence occurs not only in family relationships, but also in the workplace.

Prevention of economic violence includes measures aimed at identifying its roots and eliminating them. First of all, raising legal awareness among the population is of great importance. For this purpose, training programs, seminars, and communication platforms aimed at increasing legal literacy should be organized. The preparation of educational programs and articles on the topic of combating economic violence through the mass media will also be effective.

In the fight against economic violence, cooperation between state and non-state organizations is important. The implementation of state programs to support economically vulnerable groups, the establishment of special grants and employment programs for women and low-income families will serve as an effective tool in ending economic violence. Public organizations and civil society institutions should also actively participate in providing psychological and legal assistance to victims of economic violence.

Another important aspect of preventing economic violence is increasing the financial literacy of young people. Special lessons on financial literacy should be introduced in schools and universities. This ensures that young people value financial independence and reduces the risk of falling into economic violence.

The creation of a reliable legal system is also important for ensuring the economic independence and security of the individual. This, first of all, will allow for the prompt identification and fair resolution of cases of economic violence. Reducing economic violence can be achieved by improving legal mechanisms and strengthening penalties. The renowned philosopher John Rawls, in his work "Theory of Justice," states: "Restricting people's opportunities means denying their fundamental rights".¹

In conclusion, for the prevention of economic violence, it is necessary to form a knowledgeable, legally literate, and financially independent society. By combining efforts at all levels in this direction, it is possible to achieve the protection of the economic rights and freedoms of each person.

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