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## GENDER EQUALITY AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN THE RURAL URBAN SETTLEMENT

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## Abstract

Gender does not really refer to sex either male or female, however this study intends to underscore the gender equality and economic empowerment in the rural and urban settlement. It wants to study the discrimination and sub-ordination each sex suffers which is exacerbated through policies which is promoted by the international monetary fund (IMF) and the world bank, having looked at various literatures, it has it that trade liberation and economic development has also focused on labour intensive industry and increased commodity production (agriculture and mineral) for the export, market. Analysis provided show that changes in agricultural changes has fundamentally changed women working relationship with land; women have often been displaced due to land given to export crops and mineral and women provide cheap labour. Conclusively gender policies should inherently contain a generated perspective if equality and sustainable development are to be achieved.