

## **“VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IS A CONSEQUENCE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN”**

Violence against women is a consequence of discrimination against women, in law and also in practice, and of persisting inequalities between men and women.

To my way of thinking, women were and still are discriminated against in society. In fact throughout history women have generally had fewer legal rights and career opportunities than men. Wifery and motherhood have been considered as women's most significant professions. Women have long been considered naturally weaker than men, and unable to perform work requiring muscular or intellectual development.

Furthermore, wifery, the natural biological role, has been regarded as the major social role of women, as mentioned before. The resulting discrimination that “a woman's place is in the home” has largely determined the ways in which women have expressed themselves.

In effect, violence is an expression of women's unequal status. It varies in form and degree across cultures and countries, but it persists worldwide. That is to say, violence against women is everywhere. For example in the workplace women are not being hired for a position. Women are paid less than men for the same job and are sexually harassed at work.

Briefly, violence against women is a consequence of discrimination against women. A life free of violence and discrimination is a basic human right. Violence against women is preventable. We just need to act. We can start in our homes and schools by teaching kids to respect boys and girls.