

Gender equality has been greatly promoted around the world. However, there are still many (1) _____ that women face.

First of all, there are still girls who are forced to get married before the age of 18. In many places, parents may see (2) _____ as a way to protect daughters from violence. However, many of these young girls become victims of domestic violence. Child marriage also carries serious health risks as young girls are not physically developed to (3) _____.

Secondly, more than half of the world's (4) _____ people are women. This means fewer girls than boys go to school or stay long at school. Girls who receive an education are less likely to marry young. They can also have better job skills and can earn higher salaries. Education gives girls the opportunity to have a better life and (5) _____ to their communities.

Thirdly, women are often paid less than men. In other words, women have to work longer than men to earn the same amount of money. Differences in career choices might be one reason. Women tend to become nurses, secretaries, or shop assistants, which are (6) _____ jobs, while men choose high-paying careers as surgeons, airline pilots, or engineers.

Women are still not (7) _____ to men in today's society, and governments, organisations and individuals must work together to achieve gender equality.