

## ABSTRACT

The empowerment of women is a step taken by a group of actors to create more viable livelihood conditions in getting their rights as human beings. Inequalities between women and men in many aspects has become a phenomenon that we often encounter in many countries.

Women frequently become victims and experiencing the adverse effects of prolonged conflict on a State. Somalia, the country is experiencing prolonged conflict between the interest group since 1991 until today. The collapse of the regime of Mohammed Siad Barre as though an opportunity for the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) as a Government Of Somalia which ultimately have to fight fire with Islamic Court Union (ICU) to Al-Shabaab and groups of militants more to take control whole of Somalia. The long conflict caused by some of transition government unsuccessfully restore domestic circumstance of Somalia. The chaos that is happening impact on victim of injury, sexual abuse, starve until death. The high rates of violence and sexual abuse against women Somalia reap the attention of UN Women as an entity engaged in women's empowerment and gender equality under UN control. The efforts made by UN Women formed based on CEDAW in creating the welfare of women rights Somalia through political, economic, social, security, training, and culture.

This research has two variables, namely the role of UN Women to protect the rights of women in Somalia as an independent variable and its effects on gender equality as dependent variable. This research method using descriptive-analytic in explaining the events that took place in the present. While data collection techniques using literature study , through the review of data on textbooks, scientific journals, documents, news magazines, newspapers, reports of government agencies and non-governmental, as well as the data contained in the website / internet.

Despite there's many challenges in the realization from the Somali government that has not ratified CEDAW, the intervention of an NGO and big influence of the security threat from the militant group. However, the results showed UN Women can to create a refuge for women Somalia gradually and gender equality is achieved.

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