

Political Empowerment of Women: A Case Study of Angola

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Abstract: Democracy is defined as the political power that depends on the people to make decisions. In Angola, the empowerment of Angolan women in politics in recent years has had positive results and this creates a healthy climate for the Angolan political system where women have a notable participation within the 3 powers such as the executive, legislative and judicial powers. Especially in the executive branch, the empowerment of Angolan women is one of the biggest in Africa with the participation of women in parliament. Political power is fundamental for the empowerment of women in other sectors with this it is necessary to continue to believe in the capacity of Angolan women in decision-making and to strengthen the participation of Angolan women in society which helps the recognition of women and gender equality. The objective of this project is to understand how in recent years Angolan women have gained space in Angolan politics, especially in parliament, since it is satisfactory because 52% of the Angolan population is made up of women.

Keywords: Angola, Angolan Women, Angolan Politics, Gender Equality, Women Decision.

1. Introduction

This Study is about analysis of General & specific political empowerment of women with reference to the empowerment of women in Angola. Through this study an attempt has been made to understand the meaning of women empowerment and various dimensions of it like socio-economic, political, etc. This study also scrutinizes the various side of women empowerment and the various steps taken by the Government in Angola to empower women in political aspects & socio-economic aspect of Society. Various efforts of United Nations and other important World Council has also been covered under this Research work. This study also highlights the struggle of the Angolan women Pre & post-independence and various organizations supporting women empowerment back then.

2. Literature Review

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Angola is committed to working with the Government of Angola and other stakeholders to deliver on ICPD commitments, and ensuring a world where all pregnancies are wanted, every birth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. We believe that the Government's perspective has been positive,

above all for having as a pillar the full exercise of the rights, guarantees and fundamental freedoms of women and girls. It has also been positive, as it sees citizens and families as the country's most important assets. Thus, taking care of training, training and empowerment, in short, the integral development of women and girls and looking to improve their lives, becomes a primary condition for a more developed, democratic and inclusive Angola. "Luisa Damiao" The role of women in the countries political, social and economic development was highlighted yesterday in Malanje by the deputy governor for the Political and Social area, Domingos Eduardo. The official, who was speaking at the provincial act of March 8, added that women continue to play a preponderant role in the various areas of social, economic, political life and in the fight against domestic violence and illiteracy.

In a message alluding to the Angolan Women's Day, which is celebrated this Saturday (02.3) in the country, João Lourenço indicates that, as "President of all Angolans", he recognizes the role of women "as the mainstay of the multiplicity of daily tasks that contribute to raising the levels of education, patriotism and improving the skills of children and young people who need the historic mission of ensuring the perpetuity of the "Angolan homeland" on their shoulders. "Transmitting to all the women who work in a determined way to build a better country, from Cabinda to Cunene, a word of encouragement and encouragement, certain that the challenges we face today on the most varied fronts - with an emphasis on the Economy - continue to call on your determination and wisdom, to be overcome", says the Angolan head of state in the message.

3. Research Gaps

- Women's participation and help in the Decentralization of Democratic Institutions,
- Increased support for women in human rights, access to justice for all citizens and accelerated progress in women's empowerment,
- Strategies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment,
- Political and public participation.

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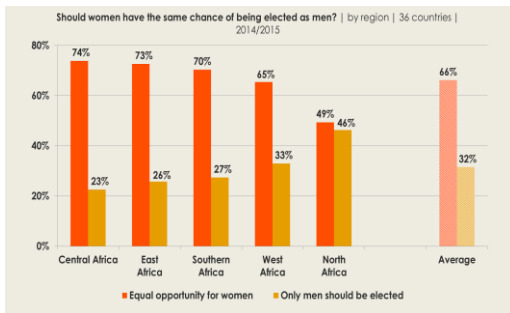


Fig. 1. Should women have the same chance of being elected as men

4. Objectives of the Study

- To provide the pattern of women’s participation in politics at different level in the history of Angola.
- To assess the level of awareness of women representatives regarding women’s reservation in politics.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of women's reservation in politics.
- To assess the participation of women in different political activities.
- To review correlation between socio-economic variables and political participation of women.

5. Research Methodology

Table 1
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Data Collection Primary and Secondary data	Qualitative Research Method
Structured Approach Questionnaire	Questionnaire (1 Section & 10 question)
Contact Method	Online Interview
Random Sample From Angola Population	Simple- Random Sample (Based on interviews)

6. Conclusion

The fight for gender equality is continuous, persistent and victorious, because women are beings cut out for glory. The issue of gender equality is rooted in an increasingly fair and developed society, increasingly democratic and inclusive. Today, countries are evaluated on the basis of the importance they attach to women. We don't want to be at the tail of the development train. Hence the advances registered in terms of the presence of women in the political decision-making process and in key positions in the leadership. Progress has been made at the level of the legislative, executive and judiciary. The next congress of the OMA and the MPLA will give women even more power.

Today, women are the majority in key sectors of social, political and cultural life: in the university, in the health sector, in the informal economy. Quotas or no quotas, women's victories result from their selfless efforts for social justice. We don't achieve anything by hand kissing. We are warriors, determined, dedicated and resilient. The Angolan woman has, in her own right, conquered her space in Angolan society.

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