

# *International Girl Child ©*



In 2012, the United Nations declared 11th of October as an annual observance day regarding the Girl Child. Assuredly, all children are angelic, so should be their protection. UN's specific initiative brings into focus a long-standing problem involving the preponderance of disadvantage and discrimination borne by the Girl Child. Undoubtedly, further statistical research remains appropriate. Nevertheless, the knowledge of detrimental developments remain in the public domain. Consequently, a set of serious inflictions can be briefly highlighted as: harassment, abuse and violence. Additionally, limitations regarding the right and access to education persistently hinder future job prospects – if any. Moreover, on a number of counts, child marriages evolve into exacting incarcerations. Human as well as legal rights are impeded. The child's development is physically and psychologically undermined.

Undoubtedly, increasing awareness of gender inequality – on a broader scale – is a must. In this respect, it is imperative to tackle the issue more decisively by highlighting additional severe characteristics, and record that the foundations of gender inequality possess two supplementary former phases. Firstly, the underhand malignity of deliberately killing newborn female children, healthy or otherwise. It is referred to as Female Infanticide. Secondly, due to technological advances, such as ultra-sound, the destruction of the female fetus through abortion remains on the rise. Such selective abortions cannot be a pretence for family planning.

The development of cultural traditions is predominantly linked to different civilisations of this planet. However, there are minor exceptions to the rule. The set of severe incisions in question remain uncommon within the European example, as delimited by its Global Geography. Meanwhile, governments denounce all aforementioned extremist characteristics, nevertheless the conundrum persists especially in a number of Asiatic countries with extensive populations. Thus, the numbers are not small. Undoubtedly, Governments possess sufficient funds – in local currency – to be able to provide structured annual grants to the Girl Children of deprived families, in the most wanting regions. If unchallenged, serious demographic oriented sociological imbalances may be created. Initially the most effective way to deal with the issue is to declare its various components illegal categorically and take decisive measures accordingly. There must be light at the end of the tunnel.



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