

# Make it happen for women

The end of this month should be a call to action for women development and improving their socio-economic status.

This year the country is fighting the coronavirus, which provided a chance to look at serious challenges faced by women.

The pandemic has laid bare their challenges. The livelihoods of millions of women have been affected by job losses and loss of income.

Rural women have to double efforts to ensure reliable access to water for their families, making it more critical than ever to empower our beautiful women.

The time for action is now to relieve our women of hardship. Realising women's rights for an equal

future will never happen if no action is taken. It's time to invest in women development.

Vultures who only care about lining their pockets over service delivery must be dealt with.

Corruption leads to more hardship.

GBV must be stopped so as to have an equal society where women are free to preserve their dignity. Let's deal with social ills that lead to violence in communities.

Rural women, who bear most hardships, must have access to reliable water to make their lives easier and to better themselves.

Let's move from being a country of discussions to one of action.

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