

**THE FACTORS THAT AFFECT WOMEN CONTRIBUTION IN PEACE BUILDING, A CASE
STUDY OF PUNTLAND STATE OF SOMALIA**

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ABSTRACT

The study is aimed at determining the role of women in peace building in Puntland state of Somalia. The study focuses on the women groups and their leaders and the NGO staff working and operating in Puntland Somalia.

The researcher has adapted a descriptive design as there are variables that cannot be quantified. Through random stratified sampling method the researcher selected 85 respondents from 170 out of total population in the area. Data were collected through the administering of questionnaire to the respondents. Quantitative and qualitative techniques of data analysis methods were used to analyze the collected data and the findings presented through charts, tables and graphs for simple understanding of the findings.

The study found out that international organization support for women, political participation of women and recognition of women as partners affect women participation in peace building in Puntland State. The study also found out that cultural and social factor on the women participation in peace building in Puntland State. The study recommended that the women should be supported to start small businesses in order to economically empower them. The international organizations should identify areas that they can support women in Somalia land to make their voices more audible when it comes to peace building, voters need to be educated on the benefits of electing women representatives in political seats and to understand that the more women are elected to political post the more they can put forward the women interest in the society and that there is need for the women to be included in peace building efforts in order for their interest to be considered wherever peace building activities area carried out. The study also recommended that there is need for the communities to be educated against the cultures that consider women as lesser members of the community and that women should be considered as an important part of the society.