Chapter 5

Gender Equality and Sustainable Development Within the Scope of Peace as a Global Public Good

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ABSTRACT

In this chapter, it aimed to bring a multidimensional approach to the “peace” process. The elements of this multiple approach are gender equality and global public policies. It is thought that the mobilization of these two elements in the peace process will be the cornerstone of sustainable development in the world. In this context, gender equality (Goal 5) and peace, justice and strong insights (Goal 16), which is one of the United Nations’ sustainable development goals, are engaged in the global public policies. Accordingly, public policies and the peace process involving women will lead to a chain impact that will support sustainable development. While ensuring gender equality provides a solution in the peace process, peace building, and gender equality contribute to sustainable development together. Because the empowerment of the most damaged society in the post-war period will undoubtedly contribute to sustainable development.

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INTRODUCTION

Ensuring gender equality plays a key role in the process of peace as well as in sustainable development. The most vulnerable part of the war is women who have been subjected to various forms of violence in the post-war period. Under these conditions, ensuring the development of society in a society without raising the woman stands out as a very difficult phenomenon. The solution is to ensure the development of peace in the world by enabling women to take part in the process of ensuring peace as a global public good. At this point, public policies should adopt a gender-sensitive approach and existing sensitivities should be taken into consideration in budgeting and funding processes as well as in decision-making processes.

This study proceeds in 3 main paths. In the first part, in order to understand the scope of the subject, the concepts of gender equality and sustainable development are presented and some conceptual explanations and definitions are given. In the second part, peace and gender connection was established based on the fact that Peace is a global public good. In the third part, the fact that these variables will have a chain effect is examined, the role of women and gender equality on the way from sustainable peace process to sustainable development process is examined and the idea that these elements will be combined in the necessity of producing global public policies is discussed.

GENDER EQUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A BRIEF CONCEPT DESCRIPTION

Gender is a phenomenon that considers social principles and not biological principles in determining the roles and relationships of men and women in a society. At the same time, these roles and relationships are not fixed but changeable phenomena. Thus, gender; it contains social differences and can be changed as opposed to biological sex. Because the gender discrimination is determined by the society. Gender roles change in different societies and in different periods of history. Policies can respond to stereotypes and traditional gender roles (such as changing the assumption that only a man is the head of the household), as well as gender. In addition, gender is a phenomenon that the whole society emerges from social interactions. Gender minds also form one’s self-perception, behavior, values and abilities from the interaction it creates through shaping. (Şeren Kurular, 2016, pp.9-11).

Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but also an essential key to a peaceful sustainable world. On the other hand, women are exposed to physical or sexual violence, and in many countries, there are still no legal elements that protect women from violence. Developing policies that are sensitive to the following
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