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## **Analysis of the Impediments to the Realization of the total ending of all forms of Discrimination and Violence against Women and Girls by 2030: A Social Work Perspective**

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### **Abstract**

In South Africa, women and girls have and continue to be the victims of all forms of discrimination and violence at the hands of their loved ones and members of their communities. Given the magnitude of statistics on violence against women and girls. President Cyril Ramaphosa classified this violence as a pandemic and the government has intensified its programmes with the hope of bringing change. Despite South Africa having different programmes, intervention strategies and policies aimed at addressing discrimination and violence against women and girls, the situation is not improving instead, it is getting worse day by day. Like many countries in the world, South Africa has committed herself to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda. It is well known that Goal 5 of the SDG aims at achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls. One of its targets includes ending all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls. Against this backdrop, this desktop paper seeks to analyse some of the impediments that will make it impossible for South Africa to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls by 2030. These impediments include but are not limited to the Covid-19 pandemic, lack of proper coordination and programmes, corruption, poverty and unemployment, delays in the finalization of court cases, changes in the government political leadership and insufficient funding. Theoretically, the paper is grounded on feminist theory, ecological perspectives, rights theory and the empowerment approach. The paper concludes with some recommendations that have implications for the social work practice, policy and education.

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