



# An analysis of factors influencing the development of women in the homesteads

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## ABSTRACT

The empowerment of women is very challenging, but if empowered they can become a great resource in the development process if they are properly mobilized and organized. Even though many women oriented programmes with an objective of empowerment of the women in agriculture and allied sectors were initiated, the development of women is hindered by certain factors which include cultural, social, economical factors. Hence, this study aims at identifying the factors that influence the development of women in agriculture and allied sectors. The study was conducted in 120 homesteads in Kollam district. The results shows that out of various factors, the positively influencing factors for women were provision of equal medical facilities, freedom to pursue education and take up jobs, inherit properties of their parents and freedom to vote in elections.