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**WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP:
FROM THE STARTING POINT AND
TO BECOME AS AGENT OF CHANGE**

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When it comes to women in leadership, some people may think it refers to the development of women and girls and their style of leadership. From my experience, there's much more to it than that.

It is about the encouragement and increasing rights. Moreover, it is about the potential of women and girls in leadership whether it relates to their family, society, or other institutions.

I believe that our audience today agrees with me that whether it is in the family or society, if all members of both genders are involved, we will obtain full rights unconditionally.

Why is this valuable and what needs to be done? If each member of a family reaches their potential, it benefits everyone. But who will be the first to start and when will it be? If it is not us, then who is it?

On this occasion, I would like to share three significant perspectives related to the participation of everyone in empowering the leadership in women. First, leadership starts with our inner selves.

Naturally, when our mom gave birth to us, we had no concept of our gender. No one tells us that women can't be leaders. Everything comes from the desires and wants of society and our families.

Please change your "wanting" to "doing". We should start to create opportunities and a supportive atmosphere to encourage daughters and women to start fighting for rights and realizing our potential to be strong leaders.

Secondly, our leadership is not a goal but a process. It is a lifelong journey guided by firm action. Nowadays, the presence of women in leadership roles can create an image and perspective of new values. We must empower women to continue what they are doing in leadership in their own family and in society.

Thirdly, current leaders need to be the ones to take action, regardless of their age or gender. They are role models who create motivation for other young girls and women to start their own leadership journey.

Likewise, families need to encourage future generations to support women in leadership without discrimination.

Everyone in the audience today is also an agent of change who can empower women leaders. This is a concern for everyone, not just women. Please join me from today onward in empowering women leaders.