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# Causes of Inequality, its impacts in Young lives & its solution (In Islamic perspective)

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Abstract: This paper describes about the reasons of inequality in the society especially in the younger's. The purpose of this paper is to highlight the disparity in young people of developing countries. It is bitter fact that because of inequality in economic resources, the lives of rich younger whose parents have abundant resources and the lives of poor younger whose parents have scarce resources create many other problems. Especially poor younger cannot spend their lives in a proper way and the other problem is that, with the poor persons, the attitude of officials of different people does not behave properly because of their poverty. Less rate of schooling in young lives is also because poverty and inequality in developing countries. Furthermore, high level of stress, sexual assaults and high level of involvement in unpaid or low paid jobs because of poverty and ignorance are also the cause of inequality in young lives. This creates many other physical and psychological issues in which inferiority complex and less esteem in the family and the communal lives. This is why these persons cannot survive in the individual as well as in collective lives in proper and admirable way. In short, for better individual and the communal lives, the difference between the poor and the rich must be minimized; So its solution is presented in the light of Islamic teachings.

Key Words: gender inequality, Economic inequality, Affects, Impacts, Solution

#### Introduction

It is fact that there is no country or region where inequality among young, men and women is not found. But there are many countries where there may be difference in level and status of inequality. Besides this, there may be difference of inequality of young of the developed world and the developing countries. This is because of the financial condition of their parents, the status of parents jobs and the because of inherited property.

Unfortunately, inequality in developing countries is not confined to the one sector as it may be observed in every sector in vivid manner. Inequality starts with the birth of child of the poor man from the rich man regarding facilities and the standard of hospital. And sometimes poor man's child gives birth in the lobby of civil hospital without treatment of medical staff while the rich man's child give birth in VIP room of standardized hospital. From the birth to the school going age, difference remains in all necessities to facilities of both children. In school going age, the diversity lies in getting admission within in rich children while from the poor children whose parents have some conscience or educated, they may get admission in civil/ municipal school but many other poor children do not get admission because of parents' ignorance or disappointment from government policies and government organizations for the poor. This chain of inequality works continuously till the last stages of lives.

The disparity among countries in levels of economic development is by far the greatest source of global inequality. <sup>1</sup> (Jeff Friedan, 2001)Inequality may be found in different shapes in the rich countries and the poor countries also. The truth is that there is wide range of difference among the both the rich and the poor because of present status and because of inheritance.

Inequality comes in different forms, and it is driven by different factors, depending on the country and its historical and current economic context.<sup>2</sup> (Hans-Paul Buckner, Vincent chin, Leila Hoteit, Yasmine G laraibeh & Kedera Newsom Reeves, 2021)

The level of inequality refers that why people have gap in living styles and the standard of living and other gaps in utilization of resources. But sometimes, these things are not presented on facts but sometimes these things refer to artificial standard when snobbery is being applied.

Income inequality is how unevenly, income is distributed throughout a population. The less equal the distribution; the higher income inequality is.<sup>3</sup> (Editor, 2021)

Therefore, level of inequality may be analyzed from how people are away from equal distribution. This means that there is inverse relation between inequality and the equal distribution of income. This thing may be seen in developing countries where people are away from equal distribution of income. So, away from equal distribution and inequality has positive relationship in people.

Income is a major determinant of quality of life, affecting the health and wellbeing of individuals and families and varies by social factors.<sup>4</sup> (Michael W. Howard, 2007)Besides the gender disparity, there is vivid difference within the same gender because of different level of education, job and inherited property. The children of rich parents definitely have great advantage over the poor children. And the reason of their poverty is that they are poor because their parents are poor. Therefore, these poor children are not treated well because of the poverty by the other members of society. And the children of rich have chances to get good jobs because standardized education and because of nepotism. While

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jeff Frieden (2001), "Inequality, causes & possible futures", International Social Science Review, Vol. 2(1), P-33 <sup>2</sup>Hans-paul Burkner, Vincent chin, Leila Hoteit, Yasmine Glaraibeh & KederaNewsomReeves (2021), "What government can do to curb inequality," retrieved from <a href="https://www.bcg.com">www.bcg.com</a>, posted on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Editor (2021), "Definition of Income inequality", retrieved from, <u>www.investopedia.com</u>, retrieved on December 20, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Michael W. Howard (2007), "Income inequality", Encyclopedia of Activism & social Justice, 2007, retrieved from <a href="https://www.britannica.com">www.britannica.com</a>.

the poor remain poor because of less resources and this reason always attached all the life and sometimes the life ends in the condition of removing poverty.

Gender inequality refers to the differences between genders in terms of status, power, wealth, health and employment. When these differences are avoidable and unfair, it is known as gender inequality. <sup>5</sup> (Jayene Leonard, 2021)The effects of gender inequality now podcast episode looks at how gender bias. <sup>6</sup> (Editor, 2021)

The fact is that gender inequality have also differences on the base of genders and in gender differences, there are differences of physical and mental level besides economic and social differences. Besides this, there may be differences between the offspring of same parents. Actually, in this way, the diversity in the creature and the power of creator may be analyzed for understanding and for bowing only for Him.

As concerned determinants of inequality, there are many things that determine the inequality and the causes of inequality among the creatures and even between the genders of same creature. These may be categorized by different scholars in diverse manners. As, some views have been pointed out in a given way.

## **Determinants of Inequality**

To study trends inequality, it is useful to think of a framework where income inequality is related to inequality in assets (land, labor, human capital, and physical capital) return to these assets and redistribution by the state.<sup>7</sup> (Klasen Stephan, 2016)

Inheritance and parents' financial status also create inequality among the children. Actually, this is the most powerful factor for creating inequality among the younger's but it may not be neglected as it is also reality. As for simplicity and for just understanding, it may be stated that rich man's child takes birth with a golden teaspoon while poor man's child takes birth in poverty or sometimes he takes birth in debt. Therefore, there is no single approach or parameters by which all types of inequalities might be measured or observed for resolution.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to tackling inequality. The nature of appropriate policies depends on the underlying drivers & institutional settings. Policies that focus on the poor & middle class can mitigate inequality. Irrespective of the level economic development, better access to education & health care and well-targeted social policies can help raise the income share for the poor and the middle class.<sup>8</sup> (Era Dabla-Norris et al. 2015)

It is note able that in any society or country, inequality will be more among the diverse sections of same age ignoring the gender, this thing will refer that justice is absent from that particular section where

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Jayene Leonard (2021), "What are psychological effects of gender inequality," reviewed by Slmay Gokbayrak, posted on June 3, 2021, p-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Editor (2021), "The effects of gender inequality across the World", retrieved from <u>www.kel.ac.uk</u>, posted on ist December, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Klasen Stephan (2016), "What to do about rising inequality in developing countries, retrieved from www.econstor.eu, p-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Era Dabla-Norris et al. (2015), "Consequences of income inequality: A global perspective", retrieved from <a href="https://www.gsdrc.org">www.gsdrc.org</a>, retrieved on January 25, 2021.

inequality is peak level. In other words, it may be stated that higher the inequality will refer the lesser justice wile lesser inequality will refers the higher justice among that particular group or community of people.

As Stephan (2016) argues that rising within country inequality seriously tears at the social fabric of societies... Inequality trends are not related to unchangeable economic forces but depend upon to a great extent on policy choices by government. <sup>9</sup> (Klasen Stephan, 2016)

Some thoughts on the future of global inequality effect the majority of countries have inequality or have less inequality. Definitely, if the countries having inequality are more in number then globally it will show more inequality but if the countries are less in number then globally it will reflect less inequality.

As Jeff (2001) argues that at global level, different economic growth rates and economic policies also create inequality to some extent and socio-economic conditions of a country also determine the policies for economic development. <sup>10</sup> (Jeff Frieden, 2001)

It is quotation of Dr. Karamat Ali (eminent Professor & economist of Pakistan) that 'we are poor because they are rich'. This denotes that mostly developing countries are poor because of policies of international organizations in the world. Anyhow, with this, it may be added that there are many inner factors which supports foreign policies of international organizations.

In the present globalized world, cut off from the international technologies and surplus labor and technical knowhow also changes the financial situation, some are discussed as under:

- Globalization; Due to globalization level, different levels of inequalities emerge due to adaptation of global software and techniques in business and education in countries of the world.
- II. Technology has altered the nature of work; Due to information technology, the nature of work and nature of relations have been changed. Therefore, using past techniques and methods are considered as rigid and using modern equipment are considered as the need of time.
- III. The rise of superstars (Apple& Amazon can attract revenue); Apple and amazon have changed the business style and conditions of business which has become popular also by the modern generation.
- IV. **The decline of organized labor**; Due to global business techniques, decline of organized labor has been emerged. Now with the help of Apps, everyone can hire desired labor at settled rates or can buy things which he wants.
- V. Changing & breaking (Over 10 percent labor union has dropped) the rules; Just like past, now labor unions and their rules have been modified according to the surrounding and atmosphere to justify modern techniques. <sup>11</sup> (Editor, 2019)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Klasen Stephan (2016)"What to do about rising inequality in developing countries, retrieved from www.econstor.eu, p-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> J. Friedan (2001)," Inequality, causes & possible futures", International social science review, retrieved from http://scholar.harvard.edu, Volume 2(1), 2001, p-38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Editor (2019), "5 reasons of income inequality has become a major political issue, retrieved from <u>www.cnbc.com</u> dated 5 th June, 2019..

# Causes of Inequality

The 2019 year is the year to take serious action against inequalities. The advanced version of the UN Secretary-General's 2019 report...finds that the most vulnerable people and countries continue to suffer disproportionately.<sup>12</sup> (Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, 2019)

In developing countries, with the other reasons, the nepotism is also main cause of inequality. As people who have approaches to ruling authorities, they have been appointed to highly caliber jobs but those have no access to ruling authorities or with the people, who have executive posts, they remain unemployed or they cannot get good posts. This thing widens the gap between the gap between the rich and the poor. Therefore, rule of law in developing countries can be seen only in theory or practically, there are different standards between the rich and the poor in the courts and by the authorities who run these courts.

As Omar et al.(2020) argues that practically cent per cent, rule of law is rarely observed. Therefore, it may be noted by the educated population and financial conditions also for in practice. <sup>13</sup>(M. Abdullah Omar & Kazuo Inaba, 2020)

The enrolment rate of children between the rich and the poor also identifies the inequality among the different sections of the societies. Therefore, it may be decreased but it may not be removed. Besides this, gender disparity also is another type of inequality which is physique to mental level but the fact is that it is natural and real must not be treated just like other inequality.

Inequality in girls and boys also creates gender discrimination. Gender discriminations impact millions of girls & boys around the world. <sup>14</sup>(Editor, 2021)It is sorrowful to note that many organizations, on the name of liberalism and human rights, stressing on gender equality ignoring the natural difference of both genders that are of power, physique and functions of both genders are quietly different which are being ignored in the disguise of human rights and equality. Therefore, ignore of this mutual difference of both genders create more problems rather than solving different issues human rights and many negative consequences regarding genders.

This had negative consequences in their adult lives, including less income and higher fertility.<sup>15</sup> (Editor, 2015)Inequality is one most burning issue of our time, affecting young people in particular.<sup>16</sup> (Editor, 2021)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Abdoulaye Mar Dieye (2019), "Addressing the root causes of inequality", posted on May 31, 2019, retrieved from www.undp.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> M. Abdullah Omar & Kazuo Inaba (2020), "Does financial inclusion reduce poverty and income inequality in developing countries? A panel data analysis", Journal of Economics Structure, Volume 9, issue 37, 28th April 2020, p-20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Editor (2021)," Gender discrimination causes inequality between girls &boys," Retrieved from <a href="https://www.savethechildren.org">www.savethechildren.org</a>, retrieved on February 20, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Editor (2015), "Inequality starts at a young age", retrieved from <a href="www.global-partnership.org">www.global-partnership.org</a>, posted on 11/5/2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Editor (2021), "Combating the causes of inequality affect young people, retrieved from <u>www.routledge.com</u>, retrieved on February 27, 2022.

As for as international dimension is concerned, there should be a greater emphasis on assisting developing countries with fighting tax evasion and tax avoidance of firms. This thing will create better results in fiscal system of any country.

# Other Causes of inequality

- I. **Intelligence & talents:** This is fact that some children are more intelligent and they have more talent than the other. Therefore, it may be stated that some have God gifted qualities than the other children. While some are dull and some are normal because of talent and abilities.
- II. **Education & training:** The children who are not admitted in good or high level of institutions, they remain backward or they cannot compete the other who are getting education of high level institutions and high caliber teachers. Therefore, inequality lies between them both.
- III. **Unpleasant & risky jobs:**The jobs and status also create inequality among the genders. The persons who have risky jobs, they have less attraction than the other jobs. Therefore, the persons who have risky jobs and the people who have not risky jobs, attitudes of both will be different because of risk and unpleasant incidents.
- IV. Ownership of productive factors: This is truth that inequality becomes increasingly because of factors of production. As because of factors of production, some have good income while some others are living from hand to mouth.
- V. Luck & connections; Luck also counts as sometime less educated person is hired on high paid jobs while the educated person is presenting his services at low level wages. <sup>17</sup> (Klaudine Reyes, 2012)

Many scholars consider different reasons of inequality but as concerned J. Frieden, he states that these are causes of inequality:

- I. General economic openness: The difference in economic level in income and spending attitude also creates inequality regarding standard of living. As sometimes, people have low level income but their spending attitude and living style refers that they are rich.
- II. **Socio-political stability:** Using resources and having costly things in use also identify that they are poor, would that they were using these things by hiring only or on rental basis.
- III. **Education;** Education level also refers that about status and income level. But this is not applicable for all. The reason is that many less educated are included in ruling authorities while educated persons are wandering here and there in search of jobs. <sup>18</sup> (Klaudine Reyes, 2012)

Young people remain economically dependent on their parents for a long period of time because of the huge unemployment rate, expense & shortage of housing and length of time spent completing one's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Klaudine Reyes (2012), "Causes of inequality", retrieved from <u>www.slideshare.net</u>, posted on February 20, 2012. <sup>18</sup> J. Friedan (2001)," Inequality, causes & possible futures", International social science review, retrieved from http://scholar.harvard.edu, Volume 2(1), 2001, 3340.

education. <sup>19</sup>Lower income households either lost more during the crisis or benefited less from recovery. <sup>20</sup>

As concerned conflicts between profession employment &motherland, the compatibility between work and family is very different and young men and women solve it by having fewer children. <sup>21</sup>

South Asia & Middle East are probably somewhere in the middle with the ability to move forward quickly but with plenty of vested political & economic interests to overcome.<sup>22</sup> (Jeff Frieden, 2001)

In developing countries, if someone wants to decrease inequality in the members of society then he has to adopt different steps for long term basis. From these, the support allowance to the unemployed youth is necessary. And further it may be categorized as educated youth and uneducated youth, so this diversity of support allowance will also youth for getting education because the difference of allowance for educated one will be silent incentive for the educated youth.

Youth allowance is the main income support payment for young people who are unemployed or studying.<sup>23</sup> In many banks or through many welfare organizations, qarzehasna scheme is applied for young who have financial problems in studies. And after completing education and at earning stage, this may be returned by beneficiary on voluntary basis so that new needy persons could gain advantage.

#### Impacts of Inequality in Younger's

These may be of different types, these are as under:

## Psychological Effects of Gender Inequality

Some of the measureable ways what gender inequality affects women globally in comparison with men, includes:

- I. Low rates of schooling: This is bitter fact that there is less ratio of school going girls as compared to the boys. How can be educated men and the uneducated women can think equally? Besides this, there will be gap within the same gender of educated women and uneducated women.
- II. Less pay for similar work; In the villages and the cities, there is disparity in wages between men and the women on doing the same work. This is also the type of injustice which is found in the rural areas.
- III. **High levels of stress;** Due to financial problems, there is wide gap between both genders and even the same genders, due to income inequality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Amanda Lynn White (2020), "Generation 75 in urban Galacia& the Spanish fertility rate, Master thesis in Memorial University of New Found land, Canada, P-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Editor (2021), "Rising inequality: Youth & poor fall further behind," retrieved from <a href="www.oecd.org">www.oecd.org</a>, retrieved on February 26, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Al-berdi Ines (1999), "La Nuevfamilia Espanola, Madrid: Turus & Amanda Lynn White (2020), "Generation 75 in urban Galacia& the Spanish fertility rate, Master thesis in Memorial University of New Found land, Canada, P-8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>Jeff Frieden (2001), "Inequality, causes & possible futures", International Social Science Review, Vol. 2(1), P-39.

<sup>23</sup> Editor (2021), "Causes & Solutions-poverty & inequality in Australia", retrieved from www.povertyandinequality.access.org.au.

- IV. **Higher rates of unpaid work such as caring for sick relatives;** In families, sometimes women have to care the sick and the old ones without charging any financial wages against presenting services.
- V. A lack of representation in government; Women are representing less as compared to their ratio in the population in the government organizations and posts. This is also main reason that there responsibility remain lack behind their rights. In the materialist world, when everyone is doing struggles for his own, how can be expected that someone will struggle for others' rights.
- VI. **Exposure to higher rates of sexual assault;** As the attraction in women's physique un-neglected, this is why, when any man found chance of sexual assault, no one can ignore the chance when he finds. Exceptional cases are for those who pious or God saves them from such type of wrong deeds. <sup>24</sup> (Jayene Leonard, 2021)

Gender inequality affects everyone & children. Gender strategies affect children's sense of self from a young age.<sup>25</sup> (Editor, 2021) Inequality disturbs one's personality, whether it is because of wealth or status. The younger feels more than the older because of innocence and feelings. But the level of inequality may be different because of developed and the developing countries.

# Impacts of inequality

- I. Impact on development model; No doubt, inequality disturbs the process of development and the speed of development also in the rich and the poor families also. This is why development model cannot remain free from the impacts of development.
- II. **Impact on Human Development;** the real development cannot be attained in the presence of inequality. This means inequality have impacts on human development just like economic development.
- III. Impact on Happiness; Inequality have deep effects on personal habits and psyche of persons. In the presence of inequality, happiness may be just like dream or may be temporary. <sup>26</sup> (Christian Ivan PartalGajardo,2016)

## Solution of Inequality Issue

For decreasing inequality, first, quality of education, healthcare and employment must be improved. Secondly, government policies regarding tax collection and tax implementation must be revised. <sup>27</sup>(Hans-Paul Bruckner, Vincent chin, Leila Hoteit, Yasmine Glaraibeh & Kedera Newsom Reeves, 2021)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>Jayene Leonard (2021), "What are psychological effects of gender inequality," reviewed by Slmay Gokbayrak, posted on June 3, 2021, P-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>Editor (2021), "Gender inequality affects everyone", retrieved from <a href="www.Vic.gov.au">www.Vic.gov.au</a>, posted on 30<sup>th</sup>, March 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>Christian Ivan Partal Gajardo (2016), "Inequality & its impacts on development", posted on May 2016, pp-15-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>Hans-paul Burkner, Vincent chin, Leila Hoteit, Yasmine Glaraibeh & Kedera Newsom Reeves (2021), "What government can do to curb inequality," retrieved from <a href="https://www.bcg.com">www.bcg.com</a>, posted on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.

In developing countries, education and health facilities are rare and policies of development remain short span. Every government blames the past government in developing countries and starts new projects without completing the projects of past ones to consider his credit for these policies.

Increase economic inclusions (presence) create decent work and higher incomes, enhances social services and ensure access to social protection facilitate safe migration, foster pro-poor fiscal policies and develop fair and transparent tax system.<sup>28</sup> (Klaudine Reyes, 2012)

Economists opine that mutual attachment of sentiments and tolerance is necessary for more productive works. And the societies where employees are satisfied from the employers and all employees have mutual cooperation, they can reach at highest production because happy workers can produce greater production and qualitative production. The theme of Islamic teachings is also to create inclusions with the employee and the employer for promotion of best developed atmosphere for individual as well as for communities and societies.

As Abdullah Omar & et al. argues that for creating social attachments, there must be financial attachments among different groups, in this way both will have to present tolerance for long lasting inclusions. <sup>29</sup> (M. Abdullah Omar & Kazuo Inaba, 2020)

Not all inequalities are harmful but those are perceived as being unfair tends to be. There is far too much in the report to cover in this short post so let me focus on two important points:

- 1. Inequalities are emerging in present global world if many 20<sup>th</sup> century inequalities are declining.
- 2. By removing the imbalance in society inequality can be improved. 30 (Brookings, 2020)

Inequality increases as human develops in diversity of works and diversity of places because of different possibilities of income earning. Furthermore, inequality may be increased because of same earning but one has currency which has more exchange rate than the domestic currency. Therefore, the inequality will increased which will be shown by the standard of living and with the public relations also. As the poor are not welcomed by the rich and only the rich welcome the rich people and try to establish relations with the rich ignoring the poor relatives because of poverty.

As C.L. Odgers (2020) argues that the economic distance between low income children and their peers is increasing rapidly. However, less is known about how the growing "economic distance," between low-income children and their peers may influence development.<sup>31</sup> (C.L. Odgers, 2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Editor (2021), "The affects of gender inequality across the world", retrieved from <u>www.kcl.ac.uk</u>, posted on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> M. Abdullah Omar & Kazuo Inaba (2020), "Does financial inclusion reduce poverty and income inequality in developing countries? Apanel data analysis", Journal of Economics Structure, Volume 9, issue 37, 28th April 2020, pp-1-25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Brookings (2020), "Inequalities in human development in the 21st century, retrieved from <u>www.brookings.edu</u>, posted on January 22, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> C.L. Odgers (2020), "Income inequality and the development child: Is it all relative?" retrieved fromwww.ncbl.nlm.nih.gov, retrieved on February 2, 2022.

The economic disparity may be laid in all societies but the problem lays inequality in justice, job opportunities, judicial system and even people's attitude on the base of economic status. The communal attitude on the base of economic status with individual is against the human traits and violation of human rights.

No doubt, in Asian, African & Latin America inequality and disparity because of literacy rates, religion, human rights, natural resources, road networks etc., are observed.<sup>32</sup> (M. Abdullah Omar & Kazuo Inaba, 2020)

Unfortunately, inequality in developing countries is not confined to the one sector as it may be observed in every sector in vivid manner. Inequality starts with the birth of child of the poor man from the rich man regarding facilities and the standard of hospital. And sometimes poor man's child give birth to the lobby of civil hospital without treatment of medical staff while the rich man's child give birth in VIP room of standardized hospital. From the birth to the school going age, difference remains in all necessities to facilities of both children. In school going age, the diversity lies in getting admission within in rich children while from the poor children whose parents have some conscience or educated, they may get admission in civil/ municipal school but many other poor children do not get admission because of parents' ignorance or disappointment from government policies and government organizations for the poor. This chain of inequality works continuously till the last stages of lives.

#### Resolve the Inequality under Commandments of Islamic Teachings

Islamic teachings give us guidelines about earning and spending. And earning should be use by halal and permitted ways on the trade of permitted things. Similarly spending should free from extravagance and miserable behavior. And the rich persons should help the poor.

As Holy Quran commanded (translation): "And in their possession was a due share of him who begged of him and who was deprived of" (Al- Quran, Az-Zariyat: 19)

The above verse declares that if rich person gives the wealth to the poor they should think that they are giving due share of the poor which is in their wealth settled by Allah Subhanahu Tala'a.

Islamic teachings encourage the rich & affluent people to help the poor.<sup>34</sup> (Ahmad Sayyed Hasan-uddin Dr., 2008) In any society if there will gap more between the rich and the poor. This thing will refer the injustice system of the society regarding circulation of wealth. For development of society, gap must be minimum level.

In another verse, regarding the spending in the cause of Allah, it is stated that (translation): "And they ask thee what they ought to spend, say that which more than need is." (Al-Quran, Al-Baqarah: 219) This verse clearly states that more than need should be spent in gaining Allah's pleasure. First

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> M. Abdullah Omar & Kazuo Inaba (2020), "Does financial inclusion reduce poverty and income inequality in developing countries? A panel data analysis", Journal of Economics Structure, Volume 9, issue 37, 28th April 2020, p-21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Al- Quran, Az-Zariyat:19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Ahmad Sayyed Hasan-ud-din Dr., (2008) "Moral & social life in Islam", Idara Nashriyate Islam, Lahore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Al-Ouran, Al-Bagarah:219.

man should spent wealth on their personal needs and then the wife and children, after this the remaining wealth should be spent to the poor and the needy people.

In another verse, it is commanded (translation): "Who spends in obedience of God that is person who adopts the middle way". (Al-Azhari Pir Karam Shah 2004) Middle way is recommended by teaching of Holy Quran as well as hadith sciences also. As it is narrated that who adopts middle way, he saves his economy. Islamic teachings condemn miserable behavior and extravagant behavior as both are dangerous for the person and for the society. Therefore, it is commanded in another verse as (translation): "Allah likes not those who waste by extravagance." (Al-Quran, Al-A'araf:31)

Islamic teachings provide guidance that wealth must be circulated among all members of the society. And if someone is deprived or someone has more wealth, both should be considered it as trial of patience. This means someone has trial by of patience in depravedness while other has trial by giving more as he spends his wealth by Allah's commandments or by disobedience.

The fact is that for circulation of wealth among all members of society, zakat, usher, sadqa sadqatul fitr all have been settled by Islamic teachings so that the rich could spend their wealth to the poor. Sidqatul fiter is given before the Eidul fiter so that everyone could spend his wealth to the poor and poor could also celebrate the Eid festival with happiness. Besides this, zakat is given to the poor from the wealth of the rich in fixed ratio of two and half percent. Besides these, the rich and the wealthy should spend their wealth in the cause of Allah's pleasure to the needy and the deprived ones of the society. In this way poor will also have better emotions and prayers for the rich while in otherwise situation will be different. In present situation, some Muslims who have wealth and affluent wealth, they do not give zakat and sadqa to the poor but they spend their wealth in extravagant activities or for snobbery, this is quite dangerous thing for persons as well as for societies. Such anti Islamic activities must be controlled or must be discouraged so that in future, we could eschew from such activities.

The person who will spend his wealth on the poor, then With Allah's pleasure, he will gain best sentiments from the poor with his prayers. The problem of modern era is that there are many millionaires who do not spend their wealth poor due on the poor. This is why they are cursed by the people as well as by Allah also. Besides this in present world, inequalities create many other social crimes, which disturb the individual as well as societal lives. It is up to us that we want our coming generation contented or discontented. And contentment can be achieved by economically satisfaction and equality.

# **Concluding Remarks**

In nutshell, it may be stated that there is no single reason behind the prevailing inequalities. And no society can be found which is free from inequality. Inequality may be found within the one members of a family. Inequality may be because of color, because of intelligence, because of power and because of abilities and capabilities. The problem increases when the inequality increases continuously among the individuals of the countries, this refers to prevailing injustice situation. Therefore, it may be stated that level of inequality identifies the level oppression. The most remarkable thing between the developed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Al-Azhari Pir Karam Shah (2004), Ziaul-Quran, Zia ul Quran publications, Lahore. pp-374-375.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Al-Ouran, Al-A'araf:31.

and the developing countries may be the level of inequalities also. As it is possible that income of individual of developed country that is considered as poor may be more than the income of individual of developing country that belongs to middle level family. Similarly, nepotism and political relations also widens the inequality and the income and employment level. As educated person of poor family may be unemployed or can get less salary as compared to the person who have less education but have approach or political relations so he may get highly paid job. Therefore, impacts of inequality on personal life create inferiority complex and dissatisfaction from societal and judicial system which is not suitable for better communal lives and for mutual cooperation. It may be stated that the child who is dissatisfied and inferiority complex because of inequality cannot proved a confident and sensible citizen for the society. And lesser inequality in genders and within the same gender in the societies notifies the mutual inclusion that is useful for development of any country. Therefore, Islamic teachings also provide vivid commandments to shorten the difference between the rich and the poor as the minimum difference of the two sections refer the better condition of communities of the country.

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