

Gender Equality and Women Empowerment Under the Jerry John Rawlings Government (1981–2001)

Abstract

This chapter highlights the trajectory of Ghana's gender equality and women's empowerment experience under the chairmanship of Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings and his PNDC from 1981 to 1992 and later the presidency of Jerry Rawlings and his National Democratic Congress (NDC) from 1993 to 2001. With data from mainly secondary sources and a few expert interviews with key persons in both the PNDC and NDC governments, this chapter presents an analysis of the quest for gender equality and women empowerment in Ghana from 1981 to 2001 when Jerry John Rawlings served as Ghana's head of state and a democratically elected President.