



In support of

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UN Women Solidarity Movement
for Gender Equality

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My father left my mother when I was young without any child support. She was left to carry on by herself and was treated like a pariah because at the time it was common to trash single mothers, whereas society treated my father well. It was as if it was ok not to pay child support. I am also concerned that many women, when they take parental leave, are treated as if they are resigning from an organisation. If they take a five to ten year pause from their career to bring up children, they never catch up.