



WOMEN, WORK, AND POVERTY: GENDER- BASED FACTORS STRENGTHENING FEMINISATION OF POVERTY IN PAKISTAN

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Abstract This paper examines the relationship between women's home-based work and persistent poverty in their lives. The paper has two main objectives. Firstly, by drawing upon a recent study of 1800 self-employed women of Karachi, this paper aims at initiating a much-needed discourse on the selection and implementation of locally suited development strategies and plans for women's development and for poverty alleviation. Secondly, it aims to focus on gender issues in Pakistan, which instead of improving are worsening. The paper, thus, examines factors that cause home-based women workers and their families to remain in a situation of constant poverty.

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