



SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DETERMINANTS OF ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

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Abstract

Measuring the underlying factors that boost women's economic empowerment has become very important since the attainment of women's empowerment became a prodigious goal to achieve economic development in developing countries. The present study is an effort to find out the socio-demographic factors that may augment women's economic empowerment. A convenient sample was taken of 500 ever-married women of an age range between 21-49 years ($M_{age}=35.55$ years, $SD=7.80$) from Lahore, Pakistan. The study variables were measured with the Socio-demographic Data Sheet and Women's Economic Empowerment Index (WEEI: Batool, 2017) Outcomes of multiple regression analysis demonstrated that family system, age and paid job appeared as significant socio-demographic determinants to empower women. As a main policy proposal, a conducive environment to get a paid job is required for women in Pakistan.

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