

Impact of Economic Factors on Decision Making Power of Rural Nepalese Women Entrepreneurs

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Abstract:

This study examines various economic factors that affect the decision making power of women entrepreneurs who were supported by MEDEP/UNDP in rural setting of Parbat district of Nepal. The several components of decision making included are: decision on making family relationship, visiting relatives, using family planning tools, house hold purchases, taking loan, using loan, children's education, owns health checkup and treatments and government's official matters. The multistage sampling has been adopted with a sample size of 184 women entrepreneurs. Logistic regression analysis revealed that economic factors are one of the most vital factors to impact the decision making power of women. Among all the economic factors, women's occupational status and the person who owned the house/land factors appeared to be strongly influencing factors than others. Furthermore, selected socio-demographic characteristics were also found to have significant influence on the decision making power of women.

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