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EVALUATION OF GENDER PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN BALOCHISTAN, PAKISTAN

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Abstract

The present study was evaluated the perception of the respondents regarding the sustainable rural development in Balochistan. Multi-stage random sampling strategy was used in the present research so as to determine the insights of the respondents in the Jaffarabad district, Balochistan. One hundred households had been randomly selected for formal interview about socioeconomic key variables by using the Statistical Package for the Social Science(SPSS). Based on results following conclusions were drawn. More than half (66%) of the respondents belonged to the age group of 21 to 35 years. Most (40%) of the respondents were matriculation holder. Most 13% of the respondents were graduate certificate holder, 7% of the respondents were holding master degree. Most (30%) of the respondents had experienced up to 10 years. While (20%) of the respondents had 21 to 30 years of experience. majority of the respondents disagreed that the crop production has not increased with a mean score of (Mean = 3.5400, S.D = 0.97876). More than half 60% of the respondents were agreed that the sanitation measures were the prime ingredients regarding the house hold

management (Mean = 3.4000, S.D = .88763).More than half 60% of the respondents were agreed that the political of empowerment was the major factor regarding the family and social issue (Mean = 3.3000, S.D = .90453). Based on the achieved outcome following recommendations were drawn. Women do not play dynamic role or responsibility in to the promotion of the sustainable rural development practices due to the social and tribal barriers. It is therefore, suggested the government of Balochistan with the collaboration of various NGO's should arranged the particular programs blended with mutually educational and entertainment. In this regard, both system actors should jointly propagate the information and facts about the role of females through diverse activities like talk shows, local theaters, and village festivals at the rural community or village level.

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