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ABSTRACT

This study entitled " Entrepreneurship Training and Women Empowerment: A Sociological Study of Kirtipur Municipality- 10". Entrepreneurship is a way of business ideas that empower a person it creates ownership and value of lifestyle. Women's involvement in entrepreneurship helps women to enhance the living standard and generate income and also got empowered. To empower women need to own business which makes them self confident, self-relevant, and self-decision making not only this they are empowered socially, politically and economically.

The general objectives of the study are to know the process, the practice of women empowerment through entrepreneurship training and the economic status of women and the gender status of women who are involved in entrepreneurship training were studied as the objective of the study. The data have collected from 30 women all of them have their small business like tailoring, handicraft, knitting and beauty parlour. I have selected age 18 to 55 years women because they were able to work and have lot of experience. For this study, side for the data has been selected from Kirtipur municipality 10. The data was collected by in-depth interview. This study has adopted exploratory in its nature and followed qualitative research method.

Entrepreneurship training is famous all over the world; especially Nepal is one of the Asian countries that have enabled women through entrepreneurship training. While most women are confined to the home, this training has changed the lifestyle of women. Being a married woman, she has been a lot of responsibilities in her house. Even she was educated or uneducated she has taken care of her children and house and she was busy with her own lifestyle when entrepreneurship training rise everywhere women got a chance to open their own business skills and pick out their experience which is the empowerment of women.

Thus, Women got entrepreneurship training from Municipalities, NGOs, and INGOs which changed them to be owned their self businesses. These studies found women are able to own their business by training but some of them have closed their business because of the household problem and the concept of the women-only need to work household work. Now it is little changed and women are also been entrepreneurs but not fully so I guess it may take a time to change the patriarchal concept in women's work.

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ACRONYMS

ADB	: Asian Development Bank
CBO	: Community based organization
CMF	: Centre for Micro- finance
GAD	: Gender and Development
GBB	: Gramen Bikash bank
GDP	: Gross domestic product
FAO	: Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations
IFAD	: International Fund for Agriculture Development
INGO	: International Non- Governmental Organization
MEDEP	: Micro – Enterprise Development Program
MFI	: Micro- Finance Institution
MFL	: Micro- Finance Limited
NIDC	: Nepal industrial development corporation
NGO	: Non - Government organization
SEP	: Sustainable Enterprises Project
WED	: women entrepreneur development
WID	: Women in Development