

Review of: "Determinants of Women Entrepreneurs' Business Performance: Evidence from Micro and Small-Scale Enterprises in Arba Minch Town, Southern Ethiopia"

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The paper is an interesting addition to perhaps scarce literature on women entrepreneurs in Ethiopia. It uses a national data set, the Micro and Small Scale 2019 annual report, to arrive at the total number of women micro and small-scale enterprises in manufacturing, service, trade, construction, and urban agriculture. They use this arrive at the size of the sample to be interviewed in each sector. However, what is not clear is how they selected the women entrepreneurs in the sample. Did they do a listing of enterprises in some areas of the city? Or was there a census of enterprises available for the city to select from? This needs to be clarified.

The objective of the paper is to identify factors that impact business performance of women owned enterprises. However, I was unable to find a definition of business enterprises and what variables went into it, if it was a combination of variables as the reliability test seems to imply. The only definition I notes was: 'Getu (2015) defined performance as the overall activities and operations performed by women entrepreneurs in MSEs to strengthen their enterprises'. If this was the definition used, authors need to clarify what activities and operations were considered and more importantly how were they measured?

Similarly, while there is review of literature for each of the variables, the variables included in each independent variables is not clear. The authors need to clearly state what variables are included and how were they measured.

With these clarifications the article may be published in Qeios.