

# Review of: "'Women come out for less important tasks': Understanding the reality of the gendered transport sector in Karachi through Key-Informant Interviews"

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The article explores the perceptions of transport experts on the current state of transport and mobility barriers faced by women in Karachi, Pakistan. It highlights issues such as poorly coordinated planning, lack of effective governance and investment, and the presence of a patriarchal mindset among transport experts. The study emphasizes the need to challenge gender stereotypes in the transport sector and increase female representation. The article also discusses the lack of gender equality and representation in the transport sector, which contributes to a poor understanding of women's mobility barriers in urban areas in Pakistan. Overall, the article provides valuable insights into the challenges faced by women in accessing transport and offers recommendations for improving women's mobility.

## Comments for Improvement:

1. Provide a clear introduction: The article starts with a document summary, but it lacks a clear introduction that states the objective and relevance of the study. It would be helpful to provide a concise introduction outlining the importance of understanding women's mobility barriers in Karachi and the purpose of the study.
2. Ensure a coherent structure: The article jumps from the summary to document snippets without a clear narrative flow. It would be beneficial to organize the content into sections, such as Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion, to provide a logical structure for the reader.
3. Elaborate on the methodology: The document snippets mention that the study is based on conversations with purpose with key informants, but there is no detailed explanation of the methodology used. It would be helpful to include information on how the interviews were conducted, the selection criteria for the informants, and any limitations of the study.
4. Clarify the data analysis process: The document snippets mention that the interviews were transcribed and coded using NVIVO, but there is no discussion of the data analysis process or the specific themes that emerged from the analysis. Providing insights into how the data were analyzed and the key findings that emerged would enhance the article's credibility.
5. Explore the cultural and social context: The article mentions cultural and societal factors affecting women's mobility in Karachi, but it could benefit from a more in-depth exploration of these factors. Discussing the cultural norms, gender roles,

and societal expectations that influence women's access to transport would provide a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by women in Karachi.

6. Provide more specific recommendations: While the article mentions the need to challenge gender stereotypes and increase female representation in the transport sector, it would be helpful to provide more specific recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders. Suggestions could include measures to promote gender equality in employment, improvements in public transport infrastructure, and awareness campaigns on women's safety in transport.

7. Revise language and grammar: The document snippets contain some grammar and language errors that need to be addressed. Proofreading the entire article for clarity, coherence, and grammar would improve its overall readability.

8. Include a conclusion: The document snippets mention recommendations and conclusions, but there is no separate conclusion section in the article. Adding a concise conclusion that summarizes the key findings and recommendations would provide closure to the study. By addressing these suggestions, the article can be enhanced in terms of structure, clarity, and depth of analysis, making it more informative and engaging for readers.