

## Review of: "Female Youth Unemployment in the GCC Countries"

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## **Reviewer Report**

This paper has some contribution to the literature. It is worth-publishing, but the present version paper needs to be improved. My suggestions are given below.

- 1. In the introduction, the term "social contract" should be explained clearly for the general audience. The definition is provided in section 2. It should be placed as a note in the introduction.
- Authors should write formally about the contribution of the paper to the extant literature and to the policy makers of the GCC countries.
- 3. In table 1, please explain LFPR in the note below the table. In table 5, please explain HF, ..., PM in the note below the table.
- 4. In section 4 (first paragraph), authors write "He distinguishes ... business cycle." It is not clear what the authors want to mean by this statement.
- 5. The methodology, in general, is okay.
- 6. In literature review section, I find only few papers related to the GCC countries or the Arab world. Any paper related to unemployment in the GCC or Arab countries (regardless of male or female) may be mentioned, which may also show the research gap. Authors may do more research to cover relevant literature.
- 7. The weakest part of the paper is the conclusion. This section should be stand alone. It should cover what the authors have done for the paper (in short), their findings (in short), and the policy implication with regard to the countries concerned. I suggest the authors to re-write the conclusion part.