

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

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This is a good paper that addresses an important labor market problem in the GCC countries. There are some minor comments which needs to be addressed as follows:

- Page 2, second paragraph – draw bar charts to show the trends between 1990 and 2020 in each of the GCC country as well as the average for high-income countries and Singapore.
- Table 1 – define LFPR and mention the years for which the statistics is presented.
- Mention the source of data on page 2 and the last paragraph of page 3.
- In Table 2, mention the years in the table caption.
- In section 1, discuss the contribution of this study and how it fills the research gap in the literature.
- In the literature review section, bring more of recent literature review in this section both from GCC and other countries. The most recent literature I noticed is Lotti (2020 and 2022). Review some more recent literature.
- The right hand side variables in equation 1 need more theoretical justification. Back your discussion by including more theoretical/empirical literature. The current discussion on pages 10 and 11 are too brief.
- The measures and sources of each of the variables in equation 1 must be clearly spelt out.
- I find the concluding section to be too weak. It must summarize the findings and the draw upon policy issues that are relevant to the GCC female labor market.