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Putting the Needle on GDP:

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For the policymakers of Pakistan it's time to engage in discussion to approach of GDP and reconfigure the approach they used from last 77 years with view of economic building social and well being improving.

Take labour force participation (FLFP) in Pakistan for male is 81% as of 2015. For women however it's worryingly low 24%.

The ILO used these same indicators in 1990. After 30 years there is the work force of women increased by a byssmal 13%. The population increased more than double ~~at that~~ during this time.

How it can be relate to GDP? According to international growth center estimates that if the women work force i.e. FLFP as par of women as par with male. The Pakistan GDP could grow upto 60% which means that \$240 bn extra would be added to current GDP \$374 bn. The answer seems simple enough - increased the

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Women workforce and things will workout. I have travel across the country and I saw a lot of womens working in the field so where is the gap?

There may be the Pakistan workforce survey underestimate female work force participation. According to recent research of World Bank that the urban of peshawar underestimate the female workforce by four percentage points that is significant. These could be estimate in labour force &

Mostly women are not working because of the social norms and attitude of male family members. According to research of Asian developmental bank that about 40 pc women are not working that is because of the male family members who don't want to permit their women of work outside the home. This could be estimate in labour force or not or used in GDP calculation we don't know. But what we know that most of our women working are illiterate. only 25 pc univ. university-graduated

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women are working in
Pakistan by ADP study. Another
Research shows that 37%
youth (15-29) ages across the
Country are not in education
employment or training. For women
it's quite more than male that
is 62% population council
projected that this proportion
of working age will remain
same till 2025-2030.

Conclusion:

It's time for
Pakistan policymakers to reconfigure
their approach. We provide
opportunities for women to
access education, give them
opportunities in employment work
on their skills which could help
to improve in our GDP growth.
We need to change mindset
of male family members and
guide them about women participation
female labour force participation
because the answer is simple
enough - Increase work force of
women and things will
work out.

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