



ROLE OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN: CASE STUDY IN "TAHLA", BANHA DISTRICT, QALUBIA GOVERNORATE

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ABSTRACT

The present study aims to identify the role of Local Development Fund (LDF), affiliated to the Ministry of Local Development in economic empowerment of rural women, to determine most important factors affecting the level of economic empowerment. Furthermore to identify the economic, social and health obstacles facing rural women. A study was conducted in "Tahla village", Banha district in Qalubia governorate. A random sample was selected including 150 rural women from the beneficiaries' of the Local Development Fund loans. A questionnaire was used during personal interviews with the rural women from July to August 2017.

The data was tabulated and analyzed by using several statistical methods such as: range, arithmetic mean, standard deviation, correlation coefficient,

and stepwise regression model using SPSS program. The study results indicated that the economic empowerment indicator ranges between (43) - (29) with Arithmetic mean (36.8), standard deviation (3.36). The indicator range was divided into 3 equal categories. The results also showed that (44.7%) from the total population sample fell in the medium category of the indicator. The high category included (36.7%), and the lowest category included (18.7%) from the total sample population.

The data analysis using the Multi Regression coefficient was statistically significant at the fourth step where the value of "F" calculated was (12.94) at the level of significance 0.01. The Determination coefficient was (0.284) which means that only four variables from the total of the independent variables explain (28.4%) of the total variance in the economic empowerment in the study sample which are as follows: household condition, husband age, respondent age, and woman social recognition in her society.

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