



Diyarbakırlı Kadın Girişimciler Üzerine Bir Araştırma

A Study on Women Entrepreneurs from Diyarbakır

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ABSTRACT

This research is based on a field research conducted to examine women's entrepreneurship in Diyarbakır from a sociological perspective. Within the scope of the research, in-depth interviews were conducted with women entrepreneurs operating in different sectors in Diyarbakır using a semi-structured interview form and observation was made. According to the research, women's entrepreneurship could not develop for a long time in Diyarbakır, especially due to the repressive effect of the patriarchal system on women. Women who want to enter business/working life and become their own boss have faced various obstacles from the stage of deciding to start a business. The vast majority of women who want to start their own business have been deprived of social support mechanisms and have experienced great difficulties with financial institutions. However, with the effect of globalization, there has been a relative softening in patriarchy in recent years and traditional barriers to women's entrepreneurship have begun to decrease. Today, it is observed that the established social perception that negates women's participation in working life in Diyarbakır has changed to a great extent. Women, who were previously not socially accepted even for paid work outside the home, and could even be exposed to violence, are now accepted as entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurial women are also engaged in economic activities in sectors known as male-dominated and contribute to the economy of Diyarbakır, the region and the country. As women entrepreneurs from Diyarbakır increase their success in their business, their self-confidence also increases and they become role models for other women.

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