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Summary

The number of migrant women who have seen the opportunity for entrepreneurship has increased substantially, thus developing a transcendental role in society; therefore, the objective of this article seeks to analyze the socio-demographic and economic aspects of those entrepreneurs who seek an opportunity for a better life. A mixed methodology is used that contrasts quantitative and qualitative results, obtained through surveys and indepth interviews as tools of analysis. The information is organized according to: profile, socio-demographic, economic and financial elements of the entrepreneurs, entrepreneurial sector and its characteristics. In this way, the results showed that the selected group, however diverse it may be, presented several similarities in terms of situations, contexts and approaches. Finally, the study concluded that the entrepreneurial spirit of migrant women is willing to seek solutions and facilities, regardless of the difficulties and obstacles along the way.

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Abstract

The number of migrant women who have seen the opportunity to become entrepreneurs has increased substantially, thus managing to develop a transcendental role within society; the objective of this article is to analyze the sociodemographic and economic aspects of those entrepreneurs who seek an opportunity for a better life. A mixed methodology is used that contrasts quantitative and qualitative results, obtained through surveys and in-depth interviews as tools of analysis. The information is organized according to: profile, sociodemographic, economic and financial elements of the women entrepreneurs, entrepreneurial sector and its characteristics. In this way, the results showed that the selected group, however diverse it may be, presented several similarities in terms of situations, contexts and approaches. Finally, the study concluded that the entrepreneurial spirit of migrant women is willing to seek solutions and facilities, regardless of the difficulties and obstacles along the way.

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