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ORIGIN FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE.
CASE STUDY: WOMEN ARTISANS FROM
THE CANTON OF GUALACEO IN ECUADOR.**

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Abstract:

This paper analyzes the impacts of migration on women artisans who remain in Gualaceo after the departure of their family members. Through a qualitative analysis based on semi-structured interviews, the consequences on social, economic, and emotional dynamics are explored. The findings reveal that migration generates significant changes in the environment of these women. The absence of their closest family members implies that they assume additional roles that generate greater responsibilities. In addition, there is an impact on the local economy, as women artisans must adopt additional activities to face the economic challenges resulting from migration. At the emotional level, feelings of loneliness, nostalgia, as well as greater autonomy and personal strength are evidenced. How they cope with both the positive and negative impacts of migration is also analyzed.

Keywords: artisans, economy, family, migration, woman

Resumen:

Este artículo analiza los impactos de la migración en las mujeres artesanas que permanecen en el cantón Gualaceo tras la salida de sus familiares. Mediante un análisis cualitativo basado en entrevistas semiestructuradas, se exploran las consecuencias en las dinámicas sociales, económicas y emocionales. Los hallazgos revelan que la migración genera cambios significativos en el entorno de estas mujeres. La ausencia de sus familiares más cercanos implica que asuman roles adicionales que generan mayores responsabilidades. Además, se muestra un impacto en la economía local, ya que las mujeres artesanas deben adoptar actividades adicionales para enfrentar los desafíos económicos resultantes de la migración. A nivel emocional, se evidenciaron sentimientos de soledad, nostalgia, así como también una mayor autonomía y fortaleza personal. Se analizatambién cómo logran sobrellevar tanto los impactos positivos como los negativos que trae consigo la migración.

Palabras clave: artesanas, economía, familia, migración, mujer



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