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The study identified the influence of entrepreneurship on the empowerment of women entrepreneurs in selected cities in Cavite. Specifically, the study aimed to determine the: the socio-economic profile of women entrepreneurs in selected cities in Cavite in terms of: (a) age; (b) educational attainment; (c) civil status; (d) number of dependents; and (e) income; the perceived influence of entrepreneurship on the empowerment of women entrepreneurs in terms of: (a) personal empowerment; (b) social empowerment; and (c) economic empowerment; the barriers in achieving women empowerment in selected cities in Cavite and the significant relationship between socio-economic profile of women entrepreneurs and women empowerment.

This study utilized the purposive sampling to select the top three cities that have the most number of business establishment. However, stratified random sampling was used to distinguish the number of participants needed in every municipality based on their percentage.

Mean, frequency and percentage were used to describe the socio-economic profile of women entrepreneurs and the barriers to empowerment while to interpret the relationship of socio-economic profile of women entrepreneurs on women empowerment, Chi-square was used.

Based on the result, most of the participants were 31 to 40 years old, majority were college graduates, married, had 3 to 4 dependents, had an average net monthly income of P 50,000 and had undergone training.

The household responsibilities gained the highest score among the other stated barriers. Other than being entrepreneurs, they were mothers and wife at the same time. The household responsibility of the family gives the women entrepreneurs less time in managing their businesses.

Results showed that entrepreneurship has a very strong influence on personal empowerment and has strong influence on social empowerment. However, entrepreneurship has strong influence on economic empowerment.

Furthermore, the study shows that socio economic profile of women entrepreneurs has a significant relationship on women empowerment.

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