MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Content

Please comment on: aims, structure, methods; depth and quality of analysis.

The overall aim of this thesis is to examine the impact of the conflict in Yemen on women's employment. It uses two national representative household surveys collected before and after the conflict and use a quantitative empirical methodology (difference-in-differences) to identify the causal effects.

The thesis is very well structured as it starts with a clear introduction that states the problem addressed in the study; it provides a general background of conflicts in low-income countries and of women's economic empowerment in Yemen. It then includes a theoretical framework followed by a background of the conflict in Yemen. Chapter IV describes the conflict in Yemen. The following chapters describe the data used, the variables of interest, the empirical methodology and the empirical results. The quality and depth of the analysis is also very high.

Literature and references

Please comment on: literature used and references.

The thesis includes an entire literature review section that is very well written well structured.

The reference list is comprehensive, and references are appropriately cited throughout the thesis.

Formal requirements

Please comment on: language style, consistency, graphic layout, tables and figures etc.

The thesis is very well written, and the overall flow of the thesis is very good. The language is clear and appropriate. The concepts are expressed in clear and concise ways. The graphic layout of the thesis is good. Tables and figures are placed appropriately and appropriately described throughout the text.

Topics for discussion

Mention questions that may be discussed during the defense. Delete the whole section if you do not have any questions.

Overall evaluation and proposed grade

Please comment on your overall evaluation of the thesis. This section should end with a separate sentence (if you do not recommend the thesis for defense, add "not" in the sentence; then the proposed grade must be F):

This is an excellent thesis that addresses an extremely important topic that is still under researched in academia and among policymakers. The candidate structured the thesis in an excellent way and elaborates the research questions and hypothesis very competently. It is outstanding the fact that the candidate combined three sets of data (two household surveys and conflict data) to implement the quantitative analysis and provide rigorously informed answers to the proposed research questions.

I do recommend the thesis for defense with grade A.

Date: 12/06/2023   **Signature:**