

Feminist Evaluation: The Case of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

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Abstract : This research advocates for the use of feminist evaluation (FE) as a tool of great potential in policy and program assessment in relation to women's empowerment. This research explores the journey of women's place into the evaluation and international development. Moreover, this research presents a case example of the use of FE on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), in Ganaparthi village in rural India, in Andhra Pradesh state (AP). This evaluation is formed on the basis of women's empowerment framework that seeks to examine empowerment as a process and an end in itself rather than as just simplified quantifiable outcomes. This framework is used to conduct in-depth semi-structured interviews that are later cross-validated by a focus group discussion. In addition, this evaluation draws on secondary data from the MGNREGA website and on extracted data from the National Family Health Survey of AP.

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