

Social Transfers and Labour Force Participation of Women

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Abstract:

One aspect of the debates on the financial sustainability of social security systems relates to the inclusion of the portions of the society that are previously not covered by the system. In addition top many factors, labour force participation of women is important in this regard. An increased labour force participation of women will imply their inclusion in the social security system as premium paying individuals. For Turkey, the ratio is still below 40% and there is room for improvement. The factors that impact the labour force participation of women have been rigorously analysed. However, the impact of the social transfers on labour force participation decisions of women has not received much attention. This study analyses the impact of social transfers on the labour force participation decision of women. Analysis is based on the 2016 Household Budget Survey conducted by Turkish Statistical Institute. The survey asks the individuals if they receive a widow or orphan transfer. Specifically designed for women, this transfer enables analysing for the labour force participation outcomes of women in Turkey. The initial findings present an adverse impact of these transfers.

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