

**CULTURE AND WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS IN
SELECTED GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS IN
GAROWE PUNTLAND SOMALIA**

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ABSTRACT

This study examined the culture and women participation in politics in Garowe Puntland state of Somalia. A self made questionnaire is used to collect data in order to obtain four research objectives; 1) to identify the profile of the respondents, 2) To determine the level of women's participation in politics in selected government institutions, 3) To examine the influence of culture on women participation in politics in selected government institutions, 4 To establish if there is any significant relationship between culture and women's participation in politics. Key findings from the study were (1) the profile of the respondents found that male (54.2%) dominates female (45.8%), in regard to education level, the majority of the respondent are bachelors degree holders with 34.5% followed by Diploma 23.9%, and those with Certificate constitutes 21.8%, while Master were 9.2% and while the rest constitutes 10.6% which is others and none of the respondents have PhD, the length of work experience that (5.6%) of the respondents have less than 1 year and only (30.2%) have between 2-6 years of experience, followed by the respondents who have 7-11years are (33.8%); and followed by the respondents who have 12-16years are (20.4%) and who are above 17years are (9.9%); (2) the overall level of influence of Culture found very satisfactory (mean=3.27); (3) the overall level of women Participation in politics is also found very satisfactory (mean 3.26) ;. It was concluded that there is a significant relationship between the level of Culture and women Participation in politics in the Garowe Puntland Somalia, and also the Culture contributes 89% towards variations of the level of women Participation in politics based on the findings. This study recommends to will need a change about attitudes and beliefs of culture to ward the role of women participation in politics and all the public and private aspects and also to eliminate all the obstacles and stereotypes from cultural beliefs in the society that faced and challenges to women in political participation and involvements in public issues, as well as to increase the awareness of community to ward the role of women in political participation.