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## **ABSTRACT**

### **WOMEN, MENTAL DISABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: A COLLABORATIVE QUEST BETWEEN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

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Modern living is arguably no more stressful than medieval times. With rapid changes in lifestyle it may appear that health problems have escalated. A health condition of particular interest in the last decade is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). ADHD has been traditionally diagnosed in childhood; however the reality now is that it can be identified at any life stage. It has traditionally been diagnosed in males who exhibited hyperactivity and less so in females. Recently, females have also been identified due to changes in the symptom complex later in life.

In post-modernism, females find themselves continuously challenged in all spheres of life (i.e. home, work and social). Their roles have not necessarily changed however probably became rather complex. Furthermore, females have also played a key role in poverty alleviation engaging in just social courses than their male counterparts. In contrast, they seem to be economically marginalised in the main.

This research asks 'what is the impact of ADHD in women living in poverty?' .Thus, the aim of the study is to investigate dimensions of mental disability and human occupation in women entrepreneurs. This study utilizes a systematic literature review methodology. Results show gender inequality and poverty still affects more women than men.

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