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**FINDINGS:** This study, addressed many impediments identified in earlier studies to emphasize the impact of these barriers on women's entrepreneurship in the GCC. This study also focuses on culture as a significant impediment to GCC women's participation. Below are some conclusions about each of the identified hurdles.

1. **CULTURE AND LACK OF SOCIAL SUPPORT:** Cultural characteristics might be considered as a significant barrier to women entrepreneurs engaging in economic operations, as well as the lack of social support. Culture consists of a particular group or society's values, beliefs, norms and behavior patterns.
2. **FINANCIAL RESOURCE ACCESS:** Although access to financial resources is, in general, a major obstacle to women in business worldwide, this may not be as substantial a barrier in GCC countries for entrepreneurs as in some of the other regions. However, access for every entrepreneur, especially women, to enough financing can be a key barrier.
3. **LEGAL LIMITATIONS:** The legal limits and the onerous start-up procedure deter both the men and women from startup business in the West Asia. Women and men entrepreneurs share similar limitations in many areas, but women entrepreneurs face further difficulties because the policies, the legal environment and institutional support mechanisms embody deeply ingrained socio-cultural beliefs and traditions.
4. **EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** Training and education has also been a barrier to women entrepreneurs participating in commercial activity. Women can face the fact that some women could have less expertise in building and growing a business, particularly in comparison with men. In other words, the industry in which they start their project may not be a real business experience. If that is due to a lack of skills and knowledge, the success of the female entrepreneur might be very challenging.