**Background:** Research reports a dramatic increase in the rate of overweight and/or obese Qatari nationals. Limited research has been completed on the female subset population; however, it appears that the majority of Qatari women are insufficiently physically active for health benefits. Reasons for high inactivity levels among Qatari women are typically attributed to conservative social norms that are prevalent within the GCC region. To date no research has considered ways in which Qatari women are able to negotiate these social norms in ways that enable them to participate in physical activity on a regular basis.

**Objective:** This research sought to determine positive examples of Qatari women participating in regular physical activity and to identify facilitators for their participation.

**Methods:** Using a qualitative framework, 10 young Qatari women, aged 18-25, were interviewed over a 2-hour period. Questions asked, related to the women's participation in physical activity from childhood through to adult hood, and took into consideration the ways in which the family, schools and social networks acted as a barrier or an enabler. Interviews were transcribed verbatim and analysed using an interpretive framework and thematic analysis.

**Results:** Results indicate that opportunities for these Qatari women to participate in regular physical activity are enabled through family support, developing or established health literacy's and access to culturally appropriate facilities.

**Conclusion:** This research shifts the focus of Qatari women's participation in physical activity from a deficit framework to one that highlights possibilities towards establishing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Future research should extend upon these findings to understand ways in which the Qatari population can advocate for culturally appropriate and meaningful physical activity promotion within Qatari society.

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**Background:** In 2009 the proposal to establish an international information resource on Islamic bioethics submitted to Qatar National Research Fund was accepted and awarded a three-year grant. The project was conceived and proposed by two of Georgetown University's research libraries: the Bioethics Research Library (BRL) at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics in Washington D.C. and the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar Library (SFSQL) with the vision to become the world's most comprehensive resource on Islamic bioethics. Building on the valuable experience of these two institutions, the project promises to serve the needs of the local and international community of researchers in the area of bioethics. The project utilizes the best practices gained from work on similar projects on bioethics scholarship in collaboration with renowned institutions in the field such as the National Library of Medicine of the National Institute of Health in the US. Currently the project is in the third year of the grant and the research team believes that the project is on schedule to achieve its vision.

**Objectives:** This presentation aims to demonstrate the efforts to achieve the targeted goals of the project. It also seeks to share the lessons gained from work on the different components of this project. In addition to highlighting the challenges encountered, the presentation will also illustrate the innovative solutions that were undertaken to fulfill the objectives of each of the project's components.

**Methods:** The presentation will address each of these components:
- The collection development: the proactive acquisition plan
- Database Development: innovative solutions
- Local Impact: partnerships and networking
- Global Impact: the world's premiere resource on Islamic bioethics
- Future Plans: further expansion and growth

**Results and Conclusions:** The presentation will share the policies and strategies that were implemented in order to fulfill the targeted goals of each of the components listed above. It will also demonstrate and showcase the results of the project.