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An analysis of socio-economic impact of rehabilitated individuals

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Background: The illegal products that influence and change the normal functions of the brain are identified as 'drugs'. Almost all the 'drugs' are socially accepted. Even though these are possible to be used in medically approved dosages, the over use of these drugs may result in not only social but also psychological and legal issues. Drug addiction could be defined as the compulsive seeking and usage of the drugs, overlooking the social, psychological and legal issues that may occur. A considerable number among the younger generation are thus identified as drug addicts, a number of institutions are working in order to rescue them from this tragic status, to rehabilitate and release them to the society.

Objective: The main objective of this research is to identify and analyse the situation of thus rehabilitated individuals and to find out the problems they faced and how they solved these problems upon being released into the society. Furthermore their contribution towards national development and whether they had been haunted by the actions of their past in their endeavour to build a successful future were also explored.

Methods: The selected population was a group of ten people who were rehabilitated and released to the society during 2014. The ten people selected were random individuals from western province who were rehabilitated by the MithuruMithuro Foundation. As the research was framed as a case study, only a sample of ten individuals of the western province was taken in to account. Both primary and secondary methods were used in the purpose of collecting data. As the primary method of collecting data, Face to face interviews were conducted with the selected individuals and their family members. Secondary data collecting methods such as newspaper articles, magazines, and also websites. The extracted data were analysed qualitatively and conclusions were made accordingly.

Results: According to the analysed data, when these rehabilitated individuals enter the society they do not regain the prior status in the society. Also the attempts at regaining their economic standards seem to have failed.

Conclusions: The common conclusion made after the survey was that upon being released to the society, they face a number of socio economic challenges and majority of these problems result negatively when concerning their futures.

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