



Child Marriages And Its Social Impacts: A Special Reference to Koralaipattu North, Divisional Secretariat, Batticaloa – A Sociological Study

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Abstract

Child marriages are the obstacles for social development and some conflicts with Sri Lankan laws and its implementation and also social irresponsibility of the people. Children are the vulnerable groups and they come under the age of eighteen and attempt to do marriages and she or he maintains their living together relationship with someone. This study mainly focused and explains the reasons for child marriages, its effects on societies and reduces the impacts among the societies through this study and aware the community-based organizations and social institutions. In addition to this study, the objective of the study was reducing child marriages and its social impacts among the particular societies. There are some special objects for this study such as social connections among societies, opportunities for education and safeguarding mechanism and empower their societies to ending child marriages. There are many reasons for child marriages such as living together relationship with someone, sexual relationship even if they got married, sexual abuses, sexual harassments and violence against women & children, Lack of parenting skills, irresponsible activities, lack of protective mechanism, unhealthy environment, perception of the societies is that children who can marry any persons after their puberty. It is highly affected girl children and their family's structure. Poverty, mobile phone usage, substance abuses, infatuation and also misconception of sexual education are the primary reasons for child marriages. In this study, we mainly focused on primary data and secondary data. Database from divisional secretariat, police records, hospital records, Medical Office of Health (MOH) records also shows that huge numbers of children are affected by child marriages. We mainly use data collection methods such as questionnaire through google forms, interview, focused group discussion and key informant interview. It is descriptive research and using mixed methodology for analyzing purpose. Poor parenting role and lack of skills are the main reasons for child marriages and societies, social institutions, community-based organizations, religious groups and some legal procedures should be changed based on best interest of the child.

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