

Alcohol Abuse and Family Impact among Daily Wage Workers at 5th Mile Post Village in Manmunai Pattu, Batticaloa District

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Abstract

Excessive alcohol consumption has resulted personal and family consequences. Studies have found that men are more likely to consume much alcohol than women globally. Addiction to alcohol and other drugs have been identified as major factor for the social crime, social divisions as well as social deviancy. Alcoholism can cause liver diseases, Hepatitis and cirrhosis. It may disrupt smooth and cordial relationship within the family. Sociologist have combined masculinity, crime and deviance together and identified many related issues. This study investigated on factors that have led to alcohol abuse among the household heads and its contemporary socio-economic impacts on family life among Kadaiyar” community in village of 5th mile post. A survey research was conducted targeting heads of households and their female intimate parents as a purposive sample. Key informants interviews were deployed. The tools for collecting data included a questionnaire, semi structured interview guides and direct observations. The findings of the study indicated that poverty, harsh economic conditions and unemployment/ under employment have contributed to alcohol abuse. Furthermore, socio cultural changes have played a crucial role while family relationship, emotional and educational wellbeing of the children has been adversely affected. It was a prominent factor which led to violence against women in the study area. The study recommended that alternative sources of income should be introduced and promoted in order to curb the problem. Counseling circles and rehabilitation centers should be established in the study area and that appropriate, impressive awareness should be created on the negative impact of alcohol abuse on the wellbeing of family life.

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