The relationship between poverty and education in Deraniyagala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Kegalle district

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Abstract

Poverty is an issue to be highlighted of its paramount influence on global development. Education is a committed cause of the prevalence of poverty. Many scholars agree with the fact that there is a cyclical relationship between poverty and education. In making efforts to alleviate poverty, it is worth studying the low standard of education in the district of Kegalle within placed at the 6th amongst the districts confronted by poverty in Sri Lanka. It reveals that there is a significant relationship between poverty and education. The main objective of this research is to realize how the low level of education promotes poverty and how poverty can be an important cause to culminate in ineffective educational achievements. Deraniyagala Divisional Secretariat Division shows a rate of 11.36% in its poverty indication. 50 families have been selected as a sample population and they are benefitted by the Samurdhi Development scheme. Qualitative and quantitative methods have been employed to analyze the above data. The researcher could notice that the major wage earner's low education has affected to increase poverty and following the rate of his or her income, the children tend to face issues in education. Poverty has also caused less educational performance among students. The research confirms several measures that need to be adopted to reduce poverty: a process to uplift the level of income of the family, implementation of projects to increase educational performance to a satisfactory level and directing the school leavers to vocational education.

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