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Abstract

This study focuses on women's economic empowerment in Sri Lanka, the measures implemented by the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs, and Social Empowerment to promote women's economic participation and assess their effectiveness. The study aims to understand the concept of women's economic empowerment, the measures taken by the Ministry, and their impact on women's economic empowerment in Sri Lanka. The research methodology involves a comprehensive review of existing literature, policy documents, and reports related to women's economic empowerment and the Ministry's initiatives. The study examines the measures implemented by the Ministry, such as skills development programs, access to financial resources, entrepreneurship support and policy advocacy. Through analysis and evaluation, the research assesses the outcomes and impact of these measures on women's economic empowerment, including factors such as increased employment opportunities, income generation, access to financial services, and improved socio-economic conditions. The study also identifies any gaps, challenges, or limitations that hinder the full realization of women's economic empowerment in Sri Lanka. Based on the findings, the research provides recommendations for further improvement and advancement in women's economic empowerment efforts. These recommendations include enhancing access to education and skills development, promoting financial inclusion, strengthening market linkages, and advocating for gender-responsive policies. Overall, the study emphasizes the importance of ongoing efforts to promote women's economic empowerment in Sri Lanka and suggests strategies to further enhance the Ministry's initiatives for a more inclusive and prosperous society.

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