

Impact of Micro Finance on the Standard of Living of Poor People in Mullaitivu District in Sri Lanka

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Abstract

Microfinance activities are vital to the living standard of poor people in developing countries and Sri Lanka. After 30 years of dispute situation, most people in the Mullaitivu district are lower ranking to the poverty line, as most of the dislodged people who are female other than male staying here women lost their partners and relatives in the war context forced to take authority of their family in order to care about their children and age parents. This paper aims to explore the influence of microfinance on standard of living of poor people with a particular focus on the Mullaitivu district. The researcher created a research question: Does microfinance influence the standard of living of poor people? Quantitative and qualitative methods were used to acquire accurate data. The primary data came from a survey given as part of a population sampling size study that randomly selected 100 microfinance participants. Berendina Micro Investment Company Limited has provided benefits to a selected impoverished family in the Mullaitivu region. The correlation and regression approaches were used in the quantitative analysis to test the hypothesis. According to the findings of the study, microfinance has significantly contributed to improving the living standard of poor people in the Mullaitivu district.

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