

IMPACT OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL MICRO CREDIT PROGRAMME ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION OF SRI LANKA

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Sri Lanka being a developing country has been trying various ways and means to achieve development and bring prosperity to its people. Poverty has been identified as a serious socio-economic issue to be overcome when the nation marches towards the development and prosperity. Since independence, successive Sri Lankan Governments have launched several microfinance programmes for poverty alleviation. Currently, several non-governmental organisations in Sri Lanka involve in providing microcredit facilities to the low income earning sections of the society. This paper intends to identify and analyse whether such non-governmental micro credit programme essentially brings about positive impacts on poverty alleviation of Sri Lanka. Information was gathered by conducting interviews with a sample of 200 households in Kegalle district of Sri Lanka. Secondary data were collected from books, articles, relevant websites and other relevant documents. Data were analysed by using descriptive method. The result shows that non-governmental micro credit programme truly raises the average income of their families and short-term savings. That non-governmental micro credit programme impact on generating the small businesses such as transport services, handicrafts and retail services, sweet making, dress making in the area.

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