



SOCIOECONOMIC PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR TEENAGE PREGNANCY: A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY BASED ON JAFFNA DISTRICT

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Abstract

Social health issues are one of the primary problems that are exacerbated globally today. Especially today teenage pregnancy is a psychological, social, health and economic problem. Worldwide, 21% of young women marry before the age of 18. The rate of teenage pregnancy is higher in developing and African countries. The study aims to assess the socio-economic psychological causes and consequences of teenage pregnancy. The study was conducted in the Jaffna district, which is prone to the effects of war and has the highest incidence of teenage pregnancy. The mixed method of research design has been used, as well as primary and secondary data collection techniques. The primary data used were an interview-focused questionnaire, case study, and observation. Secondary data used were RDHS and MOH data, journals, research articles, and websites. Data analysis is subjected to descriptive statistical analysis and explained in terms of tables, diagrams, and charts. Qualitative data is analyzed by thematic analysis and quantitative data is analyzed statistically. The study has been carried out using the snowball sampling methods that are 95 samples were selected and study based on the hospital of Jaffna, Thellipalai, Sandilipay, Kopay and Nallur According to the analysis, 94% of pregnant women have love marriages, 61% of women have teenage pregnancies, 35% of women are teenage mothers, and 3% of women are teenage mothers and pregnant women. Causes of teenage pregnancy, 89% of females preferred pregnancies, 4% of husband and wife preferred pregnancies and 2% of teenage girls are unaware of sex education. 95% of adolescents faced physiological effects such as fatigue, dizziness, vomiting, inactivity, gestational diabetes, urinary tract infections, and psychological effects.

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