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VOCATIONAL TRAINING - AN ANALYSIS OF EFFECTS ON
THE SOCIO ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
OF YOUTH IN SRI LANKA



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ABSTRACT

1. Today's generation of youth is by far the largest ever and challenges of creating jobs and opportunities for all due to growing inequalities, lack of access to healthcare and education, protracted conflicts, natural disasters and other challenges. The youth unemployment is one of the main issues today according to the research, survey and data. Vocational training courses play a pivotal role in enhancing skills of youth. This research focuses on analysing the vocational training courses and its contribution on the socio economic condition of youth in Sri Lanka.
2. Objectives of this research are to analyse effects of Vocational Training on the socio economy of youth in Sri Lanka and to examine the issues in the vocational training, its contribution in minimizing the youth unemployment problem to enhance the vocational training mechanism and the national economy. Fifty students were chosen from Ratmalana Vocational Training centre as a sample of this research. Five courses on purposive sampling method and another five courses on the sample size were selected whilst fifty persons were selected by stratified random sampling.
3. The survey research method was used to collect the data. A questionnaire was developed based on the conceptual framework. The primary data was collected by interviews and a planned questionnaire, which were distributed among the youth following the vocational training courses. The secondary data was collected from available publications, online resources, books, available media reports published in printed media. Descriptive analysis and chi square test, compare mean and standard deviation were used to analyse the data.
4. Findings revealed the training received was not sufficient to search jobs since employers were not satisfied with their performances and similarities between Vocational Training and direct employment of trainees. Students in the technician field have more employability and income than in other fields besides the relationship between Vocational Training vs savings and relationship between Vocational Training and entrepreneur. A special finding revealed effects of Vocational Training on direct employment is less where overall income has a massive effect.