



A Study of Migrant Women and Family Transformations in the Middle East; Mudalakkuliya Grama Niladhari Domain of Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat

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Abstract

Today our women mostly migrate abroad and get various social experiences, and after returning to their families after the end of their service period, about the change that has happened in the family. The research problem here is what is the nature of the change that has happened in the family after returning to their family after the service period. The main objective is to study the changes in the family unit of female labor migrants who have returned from the Middle East. As the study area, Mudalakkuliya Grama Niladhari Domain of Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat of Puttalam District in the North West Province was used. The study sample consisted of the total population of the study area, a study sample of 42 families with female returnees from the Middle East. To obtain the necessary information for the study, questionnaire interviews, observation, and case studies have been used. The data and information have been analyzed using Excel the data has been coded and analyzed in the form of reports from in-depth interviews with the help of tables and graphs. Based on the analysis, the conclusions that can be reached are that the impact of migration on the family has been both positive and negative. The majority of families with immigrant women are families with negative socioeconomic differences. Husbands becoming addicted to drugs, wasting money earned by women, husbands divorcing, and children marrying at an early age are negative changes, and the fact that the migrant woman has achieved a relatively high material status in the family can generally be identified as positive changes. Employing according to the woman's ability and willingness, constantly paying attention to the migrant woman and the family, and making motivations to create positive social changes in the family have been presented as study suggestions in this study.

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