

**IMPLICATIONS OF FAMILY SIZE ON THE QUALITY
OF LIFE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE ERAVUR TOWN
DIVISIONAL SECRETARIAT DIVISION.**



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ABSTRACT

The research examines the major drives to identify the family size as well as the socio-economic implications of such family size. The study involved a review and analysis of available literature on population in the Eravur Town. The communities in the Municipality were grouped into three strata that is, small, medium and large.

It was identified that majority of the people in the Eravur Town have small and medium family size of less than six members. Choice of family size in the Eravur Town was identified to have been marginally determined by religion, education, sex preference of children and income levels. People with small family size were identified to be mainly in good health.

The Quality of Life is the product of the interplay among socio-cultural, health, economic, education and environmental conditions that affect human and social development. Poverty is considered to be the greatest threats and challenge to develop quality of life of the people.

The family size also contributes to evaluate the quality of life of people. Therefore in order to determine which type of family sizes that small, medium and large influence on the quality of life of people highly, moderately and lowly in the Eravur Town. For that, *"this research finds out Implication of family size on the quality of life of people and new way to further improve their quality of life in a successful manner."*

There are 200 families were selected for this study from 17 G.N division in the Eravur Town D.S division. The data were collected about the variable, which are concerned in the conceptualization of the study such as Socio-Cultural, Economic, Environment, and Education. These data were analyzed through the univariate analysis, therefore SPSS 11.0 computer software and MS Excel were used.

After the analysis of every variable the following mean value were gotten. The mean value for the Socio-Cultural is 1.6, Economic is 1.8, Environment is 1.3 and education is 1.4 in small size families (1-4 members in which parents inclusive). These shows

the state of the quality of life of the people of the small size families in the Eravur Town is improved by high level satisfaction of the Socio-Cultural, Economic, Environment and Educational conditions.

The mean value for the Socio-Cultural is 2.0, Economic is 2.0, Environment is 1.6 and education is 1.9 in medium size families (1-6 members in which parents inclusive). These shows the state of the quality of life of the people of the medium size families in the Eravur Town is improved by moderate level satisfaction of the Socio-Cultural, Economic, Environment and Educational conditions.

The mean value for the Socio-Cultural is 2.5, Economic is 2.5, Environment is 2.4 and education is 2.7 in large size families (Above 7 members in which parents inclusive). These shows the state of the quality of life of the people of the small size families in the Eravur Town is improved by low level satisfaction of the Socio-Cultural, Economic, Environment and Educational conditions.

It was recommended that family planning education should be actively pursued by relevant organizations including and not limited to Government, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Community-Based Organization (CBOs). This would be required to discourage people from having large family sizes in the Eravur Town. More so, people should be made, through education, of the adverse effects of giving birth to more children. Therefore the Government and Non government organization must be considered to develop the quality of life of the people living in low level in this area. Because the quality of life improvement is important factor to the countries development.

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