

**STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MICRO FINANCE SCHEME  
IMPLEMENTED BY OXFAM AUSTRALIA IN UPGRADING QUALITY  
OF LIFE OF BENEFICIARIES IN THE ERAYUR DIVISIONAL  
SECRETARIAT OF THE BATTICALOA DISTRICT**

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## ABSTRACT

By definition, Microfinance provides small-scale financial products including credit, savings and training services to poor people who are usually excluded from formal financial institutions. Although a number of research work have been done in the Western and Asian context, there are a few studies focusing on the effectiveness of Microfinance in Sri Lanka.

Oxfam Australia implemented the microfinances scheme with objective to build the capacity of household to meet their needs and improving their quality of life. This research carried to find out effectiveness of micro finance to upgrading the quality of life understanding the actual problem and finding ways to further upgrade their quality of life in successful manner.

In this research 100 sample beneficiaries from five village in Eravur D.S of Batticaloa district were selected as a samples. The quantity research approach specifically designed evaluate the effectiveness of microfinance scheme. Data evaluation was made through descriptive statistics with use of SPSS version. As research finding reveals the dissatisfaction level from this survey. Even after the implementation of these programmed there has not been observed a significant impact change on people present life.

However, there is a need upgrading their life even to some extent in the future. In the field employment, income, saving, basic needs, capacity building the beneficiaries have faced many problems such as lack of financial facilities, low productivity, small amount of cultivation, poor technology, unequaled marketing facilities and low price of output. So Financial assistant should be enhanced or increased by the Oxfam for expanding or start their self-employment venture, avoid the delay ness for getting the loan and should asses the facilities to the proper employment opportunities.

**Key words :** Micro Finance, Quality of life, Oxfam Australia, Micro credit, Micro Saving, Employment

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