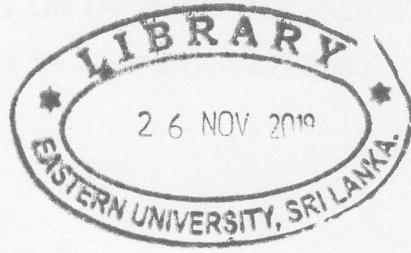


**IMPACT OF WORK ENVIRONMENT ON OF WEAVING INDUSTRY ON
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN AMPARA DISTRICT**



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ABSTRACT

Empowerment is the process of perform individual to take action, think and control work in an autonomous way and also It is the process by which one can gain control over one 's rule and the situational of one 's lives. Sri Lanka's handloom is a household or cottage industry, where skilled hands create value added products. It very important for income generating to women in Ampara District. And also work environment is the conditions in which an individual or staff works, including but not limited to such things as amenities, physical environment, stress, noise levels and degree of safety or danger etc.

The objectives of this study are to identify the impact of work environment on women empowerment of weaving industry, to explore the relationships between work environment and women empowerment and to find out whether the impact of work environment on women empowerment of weaving industry in Ampara District. To achieve these objectives, samples was selected based on convenience sampling technique. Data were collected from 211 weavers of women by using questionnaires in two Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Ampara District. The collected data were analysed by using descriptive and correlation analyses.

The findings show that the levels of work environment have high level impact on women empowerment among selected weavers of women. On the other hand, the relationship between work environment and women empowerment has strong positive correlation among weavers and work environment significantly explains the women empowerment in Ampara District.

Keywords: *Weaving Industry, Work environment, Self-Esteem, Autonomy, Decision-Making, Self-Efficacy, Access of Finance and Women Empowerment.*

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