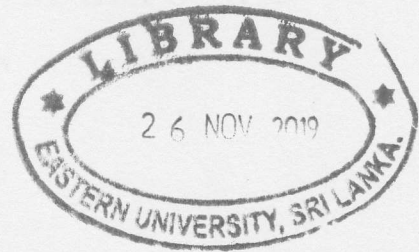


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## ABSTRACT

Sri Lanka is a one of the developing country. It is trying several ways to achieve development. But poverty has been identified as a serious issue to overcome when the country hike towards the development. That's why the number of poverty alleviation programmes are implemented by government of Sri Lanka to reduce the poverty level and achieve the development. Samurdhi is one of the major poverty alleviation programme executed by the government of Sri Lanka to reduce the poverty. And also Sri Lanka government allocates huge amount of resource to this Samurdhi poverty alleviation programme. Therefore, impact of Samurdhi on poverty level of poor is most investigable issue in Sri Lanka. This study mainly focus on the impact of Samurdhi on the reduction of poverty level in Ambagamuwa Division. Hence, this study examines the level of poverty through four main poverty indicators, Such as employment, income, education and health and nutrition.

The study is mainly considering the primary data, the primary data were collected through closed structured questionnaire from 200 Samurdhi beneficiaries from five main Samurdhi Banks which come under Ambagamuwa Division. Such as Ginigathena Samurdhi Bank, Vidulipura Samurdhi Bank, Polpitiya Samurdhi Bank, Hatton Samurdhi Bank and Norwood Samurdhi Bank. 200 are selected by using stratified random sampling method. Univariate and bivariate analysis techniques were used in order to analyze data and to find the results of research objectives. Mainly data presentation was done by the use of pie charts, bar charts, percentages and frequency tables.

The findings of this study revealed the Samurdhi has significant and positive impact on four poverty indicators. It is mean Samurdhi programme increase the employment opportunities, increase the income level, improve the education level and improve the health and nutrition condition of the poor people who living in Ambagamuwa Division. Therefore this study concluded Samurdhi programme significantly impact on poverty level of poor in Ambagamuwa Division. Further improvement of Samurdhi programme, Samurdhi should implement their whole service in all part of the Srilanka, Samurdhi officers can create more awareness about their programme among the poor and especially government should motivate the Samurdhi Banks to expand their services.

**Keywords:** Samurdhi, Poverty level, Employment, Income, Education, Health and Nutrition

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