

MORAL AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON YOUNG FEMALE VICTIMS

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ABSTRACT

The study aimed at assessing the moral and social effects of human trafficking on the victims and especially the young females. In Tanzania, the situation is similar as in other human trafficking cases worldwide. The victims of human trafficking are said to encounter social, moral, health and economic effects. In assessing the effects of human trafficking on the victims and especially against young females trafficked, a research was conducted in seven district councils of Arusha Region. The study used a cross section design and used both quantitative and qualitative data collection tools. The study involved 400 young females for quantitative and 217 respondents for qualitative data collection tools respectively. From the study it was revealed that a good number of the respondents reported to have moral effects due to the abuse they have suffered since they were trafficked. They reported need of alcohol and drug abuse behavior (35%), being violent (32%) and angry (12.8%). Though a few, three percent of the respondents reported of having ideas of suicide or even body harming. Further the victims reported of being stigmatized (43.8%), feeling unsafe (34%), denied job opportunities due to lack of trustworthy (39%), legal problems (22%) and lack of food and clothes (17%).

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