

UNDERSTANDING VIOLENCE AGAINST VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A CASE OF YOUNG FEMALES

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ABSTRACT

The study aimed determining different forms of violence inflicted on the victims of trafficking especially the young females. Human trafficking has been persistent in many regions of Tanzania despite different efforts done by the Government and other stakeholders. Young females are affected by this act against human rights than other groups. In assessing the forms of violence 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 qualitative data collection tools respectively. From the study it was revealed that the victims of human trafficking encounter a number of inhuman acts which lead to temporary or permanent damage of lives. They encounter physical, sexual, psychological and economic forms of abuse from their traffickers and sometimes from their employers. Physically the respondents mentioned starvation (57.5%); slapping (42.2%) and beating in form of whipping (41.5%) being common among a good number of the respondents. Sexual abuse was also common among the respondents as a good number of respondents (58.3%) reported of encountering inappropriate touching, 52% being forced to kiss. Psychologically a significant number of the respondents reported to be insulted and criticized (36.2%), while 23% reported of being humiliated, Eighteen percent and 18.5% of the respondents reported intimidations and verbal threats respectively. Further the victims revealed that they faced economic challenges such as having big debts (72.5%) and irregular salary payments (74%).

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