

Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Marykutty E P (Registration Number: 1530094), PhD scholar at the School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Friday, 21 July, 2023 at 10.30 am in Room No. 044, Ground Floor, R & D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029.

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| Title of the Thesis | : | Outcome Evaluation of Child Sponsorship Programme of a Non-Governmental Organization |
| Discipline | : | Social Work |
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

Place: Bengaluru

Date: 15 July 2023



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ABSTRACT

Child sponsorship programme is a vital tool for the integral development of the children 'at risk'. Family based child sponsorship programme is one of the best services for the marginalized children which ensure their education while also respecting the rights of the children. The current study attempts to evaluate the outcome of child sponsorship programme of a non-Governmental organization through a mixed method. Quasi-experimental post-test only design is the methodology used to conduct the study. The study evaluated the programme with regard to Self-esteem, Achievement motivation and family functioning of the sponsored children. The data was collected from 80 individuals for the quantitative study; using 3 standardized scales. Thematic analysis of qualitative data collected by interviewing 5 pairs of beneficiaries of the child sponsorship programme. The data was analysed using SPSS and R.

The findings that there is a significant difference in terms of self-esteem and achievement motivation between the two groups of children. With regard to family functioning conflict is much lesser among sponsored children ($M=20.75$) while compared to non-sponsored children ($M=43.80$). In terms of parenting and intimacy, the sponsored children are having higher score. Also, it was found out that self-esteem significantly mediated the impact of family functioning on achievement motivation of the individual ($p<0.05$). It is noticed that the effect of family functioning on achievement motivation was 0.504 and the direct effect was found to be 0.333. Self-esteem was found to strengthen the impact of family functioning on achievement motivation.

Academic excellence improves the employability of respondents. Employment of those who received sponsorship can provide financial stability to the family. Therefore, this evaluation study confirmed the phenomenal effect of child sponsorship in realizing inclusivity goals, as well as facilitate the personal, familial, economic, and social growth of sponsored children. The development of marginalized children ultimately contributes to the development of the country.

Keywords: Sponsorship programme, Child development, Self-esteem, Achievement motivation and family functioning

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