

Determinants of Household Expenditure on Education in Negombo D.S. Division

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Educational expenditure is a vast area and it covers household level all expenses incurred by households, public sector, and voluntary organizations. Traditionally, educational expenses can be categorized as public and private expenses. Both public and private expenses on education create the social domain. Moreover, two are inter-related and inter-dependent that, in the absence of either of them, there is likely to be under allocation of resources for education. When considering the private expenditure on education it is done by the individual households. Determinants of household education expenditure can be categories as household head specific characteristics, household-specific characteristics, school-student specific characteristics, and demographic characteristics. The main objective of this study was to identify the determinants of household education expenditure in the Negombo D.S. Division. Only primary data was used in this study. A questionnaire focused on group interviews, and observations were used to collect data. 100 households were selected as the sample size. The multiple regression model and the descriptive analysis method were applied to establish relationships between determinants and household expenditure on education. The findings of the study indicated that the household income, the number of schoolchildren have a significant effect on household expenditure on education. Furthermore, the paper found that the household head's level of education has an increasingly positive and significant effect on expenditure on education. On the contrary, the head's age was a negative determinant of the household expenditure on education. According to the findings educated household heads to prefer to invest more in their children's education.

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