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ESTATE SECTOR**

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ABSTRACT

Income diversification is one of the widely accepted instruments for increase income. This research examines the impact of education on the income diversification in estate workers. Sri Lanka's achievement in literacy, educational enrolment and equality of educational opportunity is satisfied. However, progress has not been straightforward due to the complex interactions between politics, policy formulation, and the implementation of reforms. This dynamic process has often led to contradictory outcomes.

Education is a major engine of individual social and economic mobility, supporting the belief that one can rise above the socioeconomic station into which one was born. There are also significant limitations in an income diversification for estate workers. Low level of education is one of the main constrain to income diversification. Number of studies indicate that household in estate sector heavily depend on estate employment. Study recognizes that considerable number of estate population¹ missed some income diversification opportunities due to low level of education. Analysis of data clarified how far the education factor importance to income diversification. And education qualification not a unique and fundamental contribution to the income diversification decisions of estate workers. Study examines the various income sources, as well as the education of the household's head and its members. The capacity of a household to increase its earnings through diversification and enables households to access to employment outside estate sector or any other assets will help estate households to increase their total household income.

¹ The term "estate workers" "estate population" and "estate sector" are used interchangeably in this study