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The recent financial crisis in Sri Lanka has highlighted a wide range of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) within families and society. SGBV has far-reaching consequences, as the number of women and girls who are SGBV survivors has increased, and new safe homes for women and girls have been established and maintained by government and nongovernment organizations. For SGBV survivors to end the cycle of violence and establish a more just and secure environment for healing, improving their economic status is essential. This includes meeting the fundamental requirements for housing, food, and health care, as well as some initiatives to improve their economic status through job training, education, and the encouragement of feasible business start-ups. Inclusive entrepreneurship reflects the inclusion of underrepresented groups in entrepreneurship to assist them in overcoming economic and social challenges. Consequently, there is a need for an SGBV survivor-centric, action-based strategy to help survivors improve their economic status, overcome obstacles, and achieve financial stability and independence.

The study presented in this chapter explores an inclusive entrepreneurship model for improving the economic status of SGBV survivors. In-depth interviews and focus group discussions were used to gather qualitative data on respondents' views on engaging in entrepreneurship to improve their economic status and administrators' views regarding the components of the proposed inclusive model. Findings are directly relevant to sustainable development goal (SDG) 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG 5 (Gender Equality). The chapter offers an operative, survivor-centered, inclusive entrepreneurship model that can be utilized by government and nongovernment organizations to facilitate safe homes and improve the economic status of SGBV survivors in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka.

Keywords

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV); Inclusive entrepreneurship; Entrepreneurship; Sustainable development goals (SDGs); Economic development

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