

## Challenges of Social Development: A Sociological Study in Sammanthurai Sennel Gramam – 02 Division

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### Abstract

Social development plays a major role in the concept of development. Which consider whole necessities and needs of the society. Even though various development projects have been carried out by government and non-governmental organizations in Sennel Gramam -02 division which is in Sammanthurai area of Ampara district of the Eastern Province, to improve their living standards but still it's under developed. Therefore, this study has been carried forward with the main objective of identifying the social development challenges facing the Sennel Gramam – 02 division of Sammanthurai as well to propose the solution for the challenges. This is a mix study of quantitative and qualitative methods employed for data collection purpose. Of which, 50 questionnaires, 14 interviews, 01 focus group discussion and observation were conducted. Finding shows that challenges of social development are: poor community participation, interference of politician, dependency, social exclusion, lack of social capital, early marriage, school dropout, malnutrition, illiteracy, disease, child labor and drug usage. Interference of politician is still a major challenge. By doing awareness programs for people of Sennel Gramam -02 division is the best way to promote social development in this area.

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