## CONTRIBUTION OF GARMENT PAVEMENT VENDORS ON THE ECONOMY OF LOCAL COMMUNITY: A CASE STUDY IN AKKARAIPATTU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Employment is the most important factor in the development of the local economy. Street vendor sales are seen as self-contained, with minimal investment, minimal staffing, and a solution to the unemployment problem. The industry has been revamped for export garments and has increased the income of the area. The main purpose of this event is to identify the contribution of street vendors to the local equity economy of the Akkaraipattu Municipal Council. The role of the street vendor is to identify the potential benefits of the Municipal Council and the future plans of the industry. This study has been carried out using numerical and qualitative research methods using the first level data collection method. Data were collected through Interviewing, observation, and discussion under the primary data collection method and secondary data collection through texts, magazines, research articles, municipal council data, and corporate news. The quantitative data were analyzed using the simple statistical method. This is illustrated by graphs, diagrams, and charts. The data will be analyzed using MS-Excel, a computer software to analyze more data. The share of street vendors' contributions to the Municipal Council increased by (0.44%), (0.48%), (0.54%) in each of the years 2017, 2018, and 2019. The Municipal Council is involved in its road map, reconstruction work, cleaning up other workshops and cleaning the streets. It carries out tasks such as dumping bins, bundling its bills, collecting and disposing of garbage and refueling garbage-collection vehicles. Their contribution to the local social economy can be further enhanced by formulating policies and concessions for state street vendors.

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