Girls After the Gunfire: A study of recently released girl child soldiers rehabilitating in an Eastern Sri Lankan Vocational Training Center

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Abstract
In disadvantaged areas of Eastern Sri Lanka, girls tend to be more vulnerable to both voluntary and forced recruitment by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). This thesis focused on how a group of recently released young female ex combatants reintegrated into their community. This was done through a case study of girls in a vocational training program in Eastern Sri Lanka, who had been released by the Karuna faction of the LTTE in April 2004. Concepts derived from empowerment and vulnerability theories have been used to examine the challenges faced by the girls during their reintegration process. In contrast to the claim made by some recent studies that the LTTE empowers women through their “equal” role within the militancy, my... (More)
Sri Lanka's government promotes this interest in study abroad: The country's Ministry of Higher Education supports outbound mobility via program- and country-specific study abroad scholarship opportunities at the undergraduate and postgraduate level. In 2016, over 1.7 million elementary school-aged children were enrolled in a government school, representing roughly 27 percent of the population under 18. Sri Lanka has achieved almost universal elementary school attendance, youth literacy rates, and gender parity in schools. Technical and Vocational Education. The Sri Lankan government recognizes the need to increase the employability rates of youth, a group that experienced an unemployment rate of 20.6 percent in 2015. Teenagers were child soldiers allegedly, forced by the Tamil Tigers to fight against the Sri Lankan military. The story told by this teenager is typical of everyone else here: all even the given in the mood even did my parents didn't know I was a soldier they thought I'd managed to cross the line to safety but I got caught they tied me up in a tree and whipped me and after that they gave me a 10-day training course taught me to. It covers everything from proper food and medical care to their studies and the government wants to train them in a new kind of loyalty one that involves learning Sinhalese and singing the national anthem it's a far cry from the sounds they've grown used to for years. After a quarter century the Sri Lankan military succeeded in crushing the Tamil.