

Drugs Addiction vs Family Budget in Asia: A Sociological Appraisal

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Drugs addiction is now-a-days a worldwide problem mostly within the youths. As it is a forbidden action, the price for it is high. Those who are involved usually do not have regular jobs and income. Being addict, they have to pay a lot for their drugs. Such people usually do different unlawful and even illegal jobs in order to earn enough to pay for their drugs. Sociologically speaking, drug addicts generally face various challenges; those being young females divert to prostitution in order to make money to access drugs. Many families in which the man is an addict, gradually infect wives. Drugs addict families are generally unstable. One can observe a lot of quarrels and divorces in such families. Children are not also safe in such addicted families. They usually drop and leave schools in very young age. Such children are attracted to drug use and drug deals. Drug addicts and drug dealers mostly have the chance of being imprisoned. Staying in prison even makes them worse. Young female addicts are highly exposed to HIV/AIDS and many more pollutions. Such women even give birth to children with AIDS. Such children in Asia are mostly absorbed to labor markets. Child-labor being very heavy for children, widely affects the lives of the children, their under-education, their early marriage, their unstable families and so on. Such a cycle transfers from one generation to another. Many Asian countries such as India, Thailand, Afghanistan and are tolerating the created situation/cycle. Drug use as a “mother factor” is widely affecting increasing number of Asian countries, especially those with high birth rate and poor economic status. Those getting involved with drugs, usually face short life span, and so their children are left with a single parent.

A society gets disorganized when roles become disorderly because of drug abuse, crimes and the like. Drug abuse is associated with alcohol, cannabis, cocaine, opioids etc. The exact cause of substance abuse is not clear. Two predominant theories are there in this regard: Either a genetic disposition which is learned from others (ancestors), or a habit which if addiction develops, manifests itself as a chronic debilitating disease [1]. As found out in 2010, about 5% of US people (230 million) used illicit substances [2]. Developing countries of Asia with lots of psychological problems resort to drugs of chemical and non-chemical types for relief, health improvement and better quality of life. Such people usually face many social disorders such as early deaths. In the West, many people are known as drug abusers, whereas in Asian countries, too many individuals are recognized drug abusers as they are highly dependent on various drugs and substances. India as a

large populous country wherein all substances are found and accessible, needs a widespread supervision. A new agenda known as “environmental prevention” focuses on changing conditions/policies so that the availability of substances is reduced including the demand for it. Substance abuse prevention efforts typically focus on minors including children and teens extending up to the age 35 years. The main risk periods for drug abuse occur during major transitions in child’s life. Some of these periods include moving, divorce, entering school etc. Thailand too as an Asian country is widely involved with all types of abuses. The whole country has a growing problem of drugs, violence, etc. Majority of Thailand’s crimes take place in urban areas where lots of tourists congregate [3]. Local and herbal medicines are largely known as drugs being abusers. Eventually, in a world with the population of 7.8 billion in 2020 and 42% of population <15 years old in low income countries, the entire world must expect more drug abusers in the years to come [4,5].

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