TOPIC/TITLE: Unemployment, its causes and consequences

TASK 1: STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

What are the causes of unemployment in Alexander Village community?

TASK 2: REASONS FOR SELECTING THE AREA OF STUDY

There are several reasons why the researcher decided to study the area. Two such reasons are:

1. To determine the consequences persons faced when they are unemployed.
2. To seek solutions in helping to solve this phenomena.

TASK 3: METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

The researcher investigated the topic by distributing printed questionnaires. The questionnaires contained questions. The questionnaire technique has several advantages, some of them are:

1. It requires little time to be completed.
2. It can be done at the conveniences of the person required to have it completed.
3. It guarantees confidentiality since respondents are not required to attach their names.

TASK 4: INSTRUMENT USED TO COLLECT DATA

A Copy of questionnaire

Survey on the causes of unemployment in …………………. Village.

Your address here!!

Lot ––––––– 19 First street Alexander Village

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Dear Villagers, This is a survey being carried out in ………………… community to determine the causes of unemployment within the community. This research is being conducted as an assignment for the social studies school based assessment.

You are advised to answer the following questions honestly. All information given will remain confidential because you do not have to state your names. Most of the questions should be answered by placing a tick🗹. Short phrases can be used to fill blanks.

Specific instructions are given where necessary.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

..E. Ali…

Villager’s questionnaire

1. What is your gender?

* Female
* Male

1. To what ethnic group do you belong?

* East Indian
* African
* Chinese
* Amerindian

1. What is your family type?

* Nuclear
* Single parent
* Extended
* Reorganized
* Sibling household

1. What is your occupation?

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1. Age range?

* 11-15 years
* 16-20 years
* 21-25 years
* 26 and over

1. How long have you been residing in ………………. Village?

* Under 1 year
* 6-10 years
* 10 and over

1. Marital status?

* Married
* Single
* Divorced
* Other

1. Do you know what is employment?

* Yes
* No

1. Do you know what is unemployment?

* Yes
* No

1. Is unemployment causing problem in this Village?

* Yes
* No

1. What are the causes of unemployment in this village/

* Low education level
* Lack of jobs
* Laziness
* Sickness
* Low wages and salaries
* Too strong attachment to partners

1. What are the consequences of unemployment in …………………………. Community?

* High Crime Rate
* Teenage pregnancy
* Spread of diseases/HIV
* Shortage of food
* Lack of finance
* Unstable family structure

1. What do you think can be done to help solve this phenomena?

* Creation of jobs
* Providing facilities for training and education
* Cultivate more land for agriculture
* Counselling

1. Are the government involved in helping to solve this problem?

* Yes
* No

1. Would you like this problem to be solved?

* Yes
* No

TASK 5: PROCEDURES USED TO COLLECT DATA

The researcher carried out an investigation based on the topic unemployment. Two hundred and fifty households were found in the village but only fifty were necessary to conduct the research in ……………………. Community.

The researcher printed fifty five (55) questionnaires and expected to receive fifty (50) which therefore showed that 20% from the total was needed for the investigation. The duration of the completion of the questionnaire was 1 week.

Random selection was used in the distribution of questionnaires. Random means that the researcher numbered the houses in the village (250), the number were written down on pieces of papers. The papers were then placed into a box, which was shaken thoroughly to ensure that all the number were properly mixed. The researcher then asked a person to select (55) pieces of papers one after the other. The numbers that were selected were given questionnaires.

The researcher distributed the questionnaire by means of foot and persons who not at home, a note was attached and leave on the fence or in the mailbox.

The research targeted 16-20 age group. There was 35 male and 15 female respondents.

TASK 6: PRESENTATION OF DATA

Frequency table showing solutions put forward by residents to solve this problem, ‘unemployment’ in Alexander Village community.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Solutions | Tally | Frequency | Percentage % | Degrees o |
| Creation of jobs | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 20 | 40% | 144 |
| Facilities to obtain training (education) | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 10 | 20% | 72 |
| Cultivate more land for agriculture | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 15 | 30% | 108 |
| Counselling residents concerning employment | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% | 36 |
|  | TOTAL | 50 | 100% | 160o |

Figure 1

PIE-CHART

Pie chart showing the solution put forward by residents to help solve this phenomena.

Frequency table showing the causes of unemployment in Alexander Village community

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Causes | Tally | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
| Low education level | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 10 | 20% |
| Lack of jobs | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 10 | 20% |
| Laziness | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% |
| Sickness | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% |
| Low wages and salaries | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 15 | 30% |
| Too strong attachment to partner | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% |
|  | TOTAL | 50 | 100% |

Figure 2

BARGRAPH

Bar graph showing causes of unemployment in Alexander Village community

Frequency table showing the consequences of unemployment in Alexander Village community

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Consequences | Tally | Frequency | Percentage % |
| High Crime Rate | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 10 | 20% |
| Teenage Pregnancy | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% |
| Spread of diseases/HIV | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% |
| Shortage of food | ~~IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 10 | 20% |
| Lack of finance | ~~IIII IIII~~ ~~IIII~~ | 15 | 30% |
| Unstable family | ~~IIII~~ | 5 | 10% |
|  | TOTAL | 50 | 100% |

Figure 3

HISTOGRAM

Histogram showing the consequences of unemployment in Alexander Village

TASK 7: INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

Figure 1:

The frequency table and pie chart showing solutions put forward by residents to solve problems of unemployment in Alexander Village. There were four (4) solutions, namely: creation of jobs, facilities to obtain training (education), cultivation of more land for agriculture and counselling residents concern employment benefits. Creation of jobs was the most popular solution put forward by residents in ………………. Village, 40%, the same as 20 frequency. Then followed by cultivation of land for agriculture, which seconded 30%. The last solution was counselling resident concerning the benefits of employment, which recorded only 10%, the same as 5 frequency.

Figure 2:

The frequency table and bar graph, both showing the causes of unemployment in Alexander Village. There was six (6) causes, namely: low education level, lack of jobs, laziness, sickness, low wages and salaries and too strong attachment to partners. Low wage and salaries recorded the highest percentage, 30%, the same as 15 frequency. Low education and lack of jobs recorded 20% each, the same as 10 frequency, while laziness, and too strong attachment recorded only 10% each, the same as 5 frequency. It can be clearly analyze that the low wage and salaries was the high case for unemployment in …………………….. village.

Figure 3:

The frequency table and histogram both shared the consequence of unemployment in ……………….. village. There was six (6) consequences, namely: high crime rate, teenage pregnancy, spread of diseases/HIV, shortage of food lack of finance, and unstable family structure. The most serious consequence was lack of finance, which recorded 30%, the same as 15 frequency. Then followed by high crime rate and lack of finance, both recorded 20% each, the same as 10 frequency. Teenage pregnancy, unstable family structure and spread of diseases, each recorded 10%, the same as 5 frequency. It can be clearly analyze that lack of finance affected the residents of …………………. Village the most.

TASK 8: FINDINGS

The survey had reveal a number of causes and consequences of unemployment in Alexander village. It also showed some solutions put forward by residents.

Firstly, the main caused of unemployment in ………………. Community is due to low waged and salaries, which is 30%, the same as 15 frequency.

Secondly, the major consequence people faced in the village is lack of finance in their homes. This is because there is no jobs, it recorded 30%, the same as 15 frequency.

Last but not least, villagers said that this problem be solved. They put forward four (4) major solutions is to create more jobs, it recorded 40%, the same as 20 frequency.

TASK 9: RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMTATION STRATEGY

One of the most important recommendations is the need for more facilities for training that would encourage regular education programmes. For this to be effective, residents in ……………….. village must make special effort to attend these sessions. It can be implemented by the government giving loans and constructing building for training classes to the heed. Well trained personnel should be paid by the government to delivered to residents.

Secondly, more land should be cultivated in the backlands of the community, so residents will gain jobs in the field of agriculture. A fishing industry should also set up to help create employment.

Last but not least, the government should set up more industries in the community, especially to help semi-skilled labourers.