

A STUDY ON HEALTH PROFILE OF RESIDENTS OF OLD AGE HOME IN MADURAI DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

Aging is a normal process. The modernization plays a vital role in the aging process of an individual. The aged feel a sense of social isolation because of disjunction from various bonds viz work relationships, and diminish of relatives and friends, the mobility of children to far off places for jobs. The situation of the elderly still worsens when there is the presence of chronic diseases, physical incapacity, and financial stringency. The main objectives of the study are: i) to analyze the nature of socio-economic conditions of the elderly people who stay in Old Age Homes in the study area, ii) to study the facilities being provided by the Old Age Homes in the study area and iii) to analyze the health problems faced by the Age Homes in the study area. The study based on both primary and secondary data. The secondary data related to this study have been collected from journals, books, and websites. The primary data were collected from old age homes in Madurai District. A total of 156 inmates were selected from old age homes in Madurai District. Systematic random sampling technique was adopted to selecting the sample. The tool used is a simple percentage analysis. The study concluded that a majority of the sample respondents are above 60 years of age, female, belongs to the backward community, Hindus, came from semi – urban areas, illiterate, widows/widowers and from the joint family.

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