

**F-17 : THE IMPACT OF DRUG PREVENTION ACTIVITIES IN SRI
LANKA DURING THE YEARS 1990 AND 1991**

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During the last few years there has been increasing public awareness about drug prevention in Sri Lanka. Health and educational authorities have been paying attention to this problem and it has been identified as a barrier to poverty alleviation and community development in addition to its health and social consequences.

A few evaluations were conducted by the Alcohol and Drug Information Centre to identify the degree to which various government and non-governmental approaches have succeeded in their innovations and strategies.

The data for these evaluations were obtained from the published reports of government and non-governmental organisations involved in Drug abuse prevention and from small scale community surveys. These findings show that public awareness about drug abuse has increased to a great extent during these two years.

In addition, inadequate formative evaluation was identified as the main reason for limited success of certain projects.