

**STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNITY BASED
CORRECTION SYSTEM IN SRI LANKA**

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Abstract

This research investigates the corrections and criminal justice system of Sri Lanka, and whether the community-based correction system is successful or not. Diversion, probation, parole, community service, and alternative fine structures are all examples of community-based punishments. The public probably wouldn't be too concerned about these initiatives because of the low-key they have maintained. Probationers and those who perform community services are two examples of people who may go unnoticed by the general population. However, parolees are an exception to the rule. Those who need a gradual release from prison often wind up in halfway homes. Unfortunately though, supervised release to a halfway house is inextricably linked to a highly conspicuous building: a home, typically situated in a residential area. Offenders are effectively placed in someone's front or back yard. Due to this, halfway homes are widely viewed by the general public as the most problematic component of community punishments. Disillusionment associated with incarceration has become the major emphasis in criminal justice systems, which has contributed to the current trend towards a greater reliance on community corrections.

Clearly, if community corrections are the future, correctional officials will need to be creative in order to come up with intermediate sentences that provide sentencing judges a choice of options. Offenders cannot be merely placed in the community; they must be integrated into the community for community corrections to be effective and serve the purpose. Isolating criminals defeats the purpose of community corrections, which is to help them form positive social relationships. Community-based sentencing systems in Sri Lanka may support national security by facilitating rehabilitation, reintegration, and lowering recidivism rates. There will always be challenges, but with forethought and vigilance, they may be mitigated to some extent. For sustainable results, a multifaceted strategy is required, one that includes not only police enforcement but also community involvement and resources.

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