

Abstract :

Background:

A Beggar or a cadger is a person who lives by asking people for money or food.

• Objective :

To find-out the association between Effects of beggary on the mental health and their socio- demographic data for beggars.

• Methodology:

A descriptive-correlational study design was used to describe the variables and the relationships that occur among the effects of beggary on the mental health of beggars. The research conducted between the period from 5th September 2021 to 31th March 2022. Random sampling (probability) of (75) of the Beggar who have been begging in the traffic in the city of Babylon. The instrument is measured and rated on 4 levels rating scale. As independent variables, this study focuses on one part that include socio-demographic data and part that include psychological impact on spouses planning divorce. The data was collected after obtaining the tacit consent of the beggars, through the use of research tools, from 15th December 2021 to 3th February 2022, part of the data collected as a face-to-face interview with the beggars after explaining the objectives and importance of the study and ensuring that the data taken will be kept confidential complete. The duration of answering the questionnaire is approximately (20-25) minutes. Total data collected at the end (75). Several statistical measures were used by using Statistical Package of Social Sciences (SPSS) version 26, and Microsoft excel (2016) in order to analyze and evaluate the results of the study. Descriptive analysis was also used to describe the sample characteristics, as well as, the level of psychological Effects of beggary on the mental health of beggars. Chi-square analyses were used to find out the relationship between the level of psychological state and various socio-demographic variables.

• Result:

The result shows (table 2) percentage of sever level of DASS (Depression, Anxiety, Stress) was (34.7%). The result shows (table 3) high percentage regarding sever (self-esteem level) was (48%). The result represent (52%) of Beggars sample have not attempt Suicide Ideation while (48%) have suicidal ideation.

• Conclusions:

As regarding the family members there is three quarters of the study sample has (5-8 members). The majority of samples were had Psychological Impact of beggars. The More than three quarters of samples were had low self-esteem of beggars. Less than half of samples were had attempt Suicide Ideation of beggars. There is a high significant relationship between Psychological Impact of beggars with Socio-

demographic Characteristics. There is a high significant relationship between Self Esteem Level of beggars with Socio- demographic Characteristics. There is a high significant relationship between Suicide Ideation of Beggars with Socio-demographic Characteristics.

• **Recommendations**

Organizing several campaigns to combat beggary, and a daily program to monitor and monitor the movement of beggars. The security authorities shall pursue gangs and organized crime who exploit children by begging, collecting information about a person, or even participating in criminal operations. The Ministry of Finance should allocate funds for this category, given the importance of the age group on the one hand and its danger to society on the other. Civil society organizations should intensify their campaigns to care for children in Iraq through cultural campaigns in the care and protection of beggars and ensuring their safe return to school. Developing the awareness of community members through the media (via the Internet) and conducting workshops to talk about the importance of eliminating the phenomenon of beggary and its dangers to society. Establishing strict laws to prevent people from using children in beggary activities. Punishment should be imposed on institutions that exploit beggars to achieve profits from raising funds. Paying attention to the phenomenon of questioning by giving speeches and invitations, holding seminars, lectures and guidance to clarify the questioning and emphasize the importance of earning lawful money and honest work. Emphasizing the importance of the role of the read, audio or visual media to educate people, and make it clear to society that it is a phenomenon.