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Findings

Koraga tribal population are vulnerable among the vulnerable tribal populations in the state of Kerala and one of the aspiring lot in the state of Karnataka, whose youth find hard in finding a sustainable livelihood as they grapple with many socio-economic problems. There needs to be a proper channel of planning and monitoring of the existing plans and the need for practical solutions for their future. **Objective of the study:** To study how the Koraga tribal youth find their livelihood and cope up with the vulnerabilities and to identify the various factors leading to their present livelihood and employment pattern with a comparison of Karnataka and Kerala scenario. **Design, Methods and materials:** A descriptive design with a mixed-method approach was employed in this study to provide both qualitative and quantitative inputs. A total number of 200 respondents in the age group of 15-29 were selected as multistage sampling method from the various hamlets of four divisions from the two states. A ratio of 25:25 is maintained among men and woman from each division for quantitative data analysis with equal representation from 200 households. **Finding and Conclusion:** The situation with the Koraga people in Kerala is worse with the lack of multiple agencies towards the redressal of their problems as they lag behind in many indices of sustainable livelihood and vulnerability coping. The exclusionary practices meted out against the community in both implicit and explicit overtones are apparent with their backwardness in health, education, and livelihood. Koraga people are seemed to be lost in the race of modernity. Shy to understand how their immediate identity facilitates them to take up certain occupations and then keep sticking to it for long as eventually being excluded from the social ladder and stripped off from their entitlements.