

# Social Capital Assessment (SCA) – Ampara

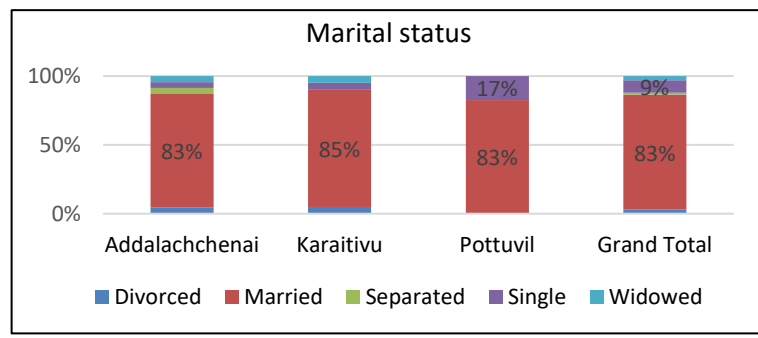
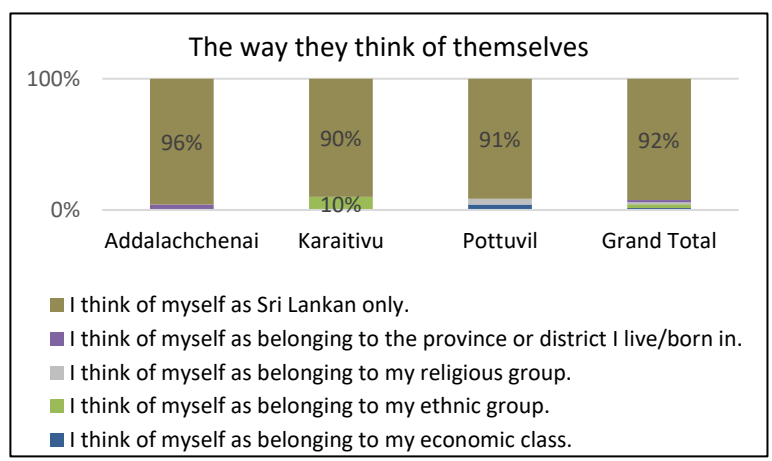
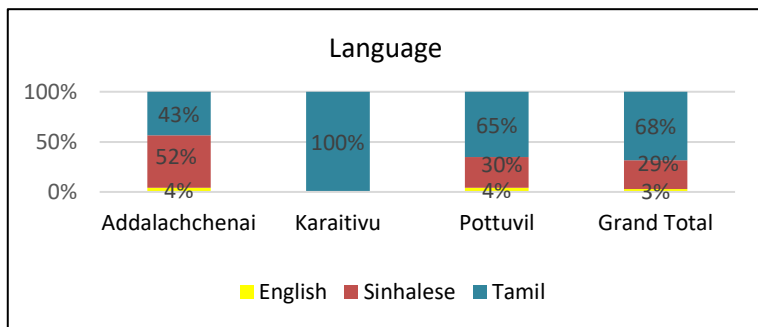
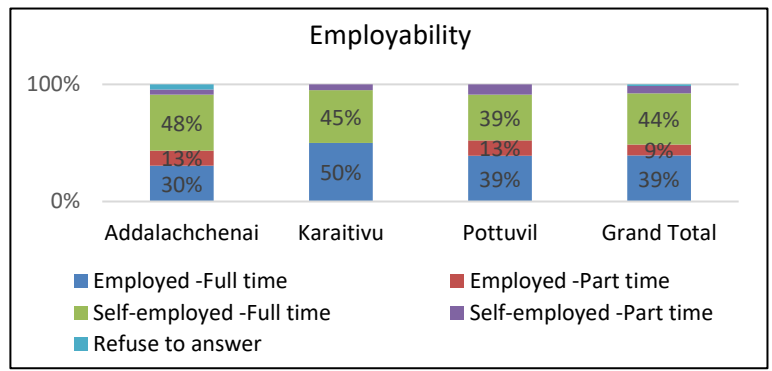
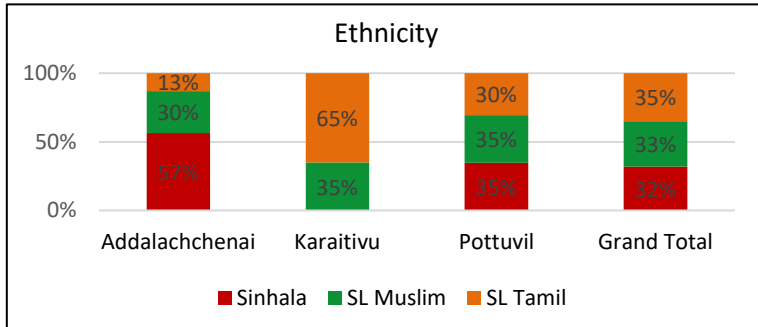
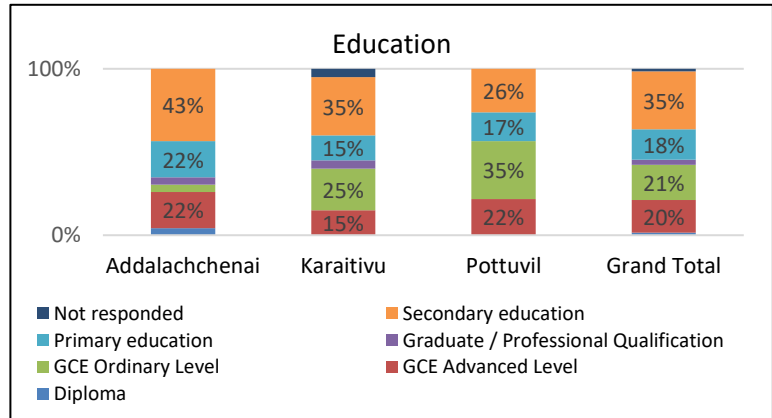
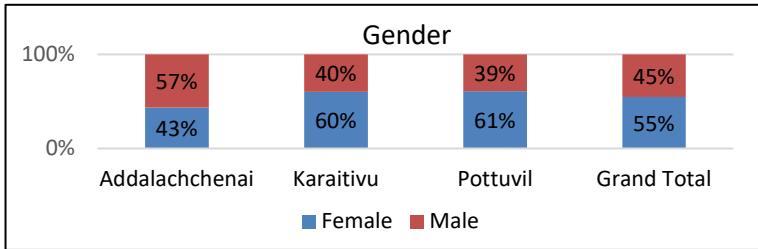
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SCA was conducted to assess the strength of relationships among people's perspectives on ethno-religious and social-economic relations to develop social cohesion. The project beneficiaries selected for the district level programs participated in the survey, where a pre-designed questionnaire was used to gather information.

The Social Capital Assessment covered different aspects:



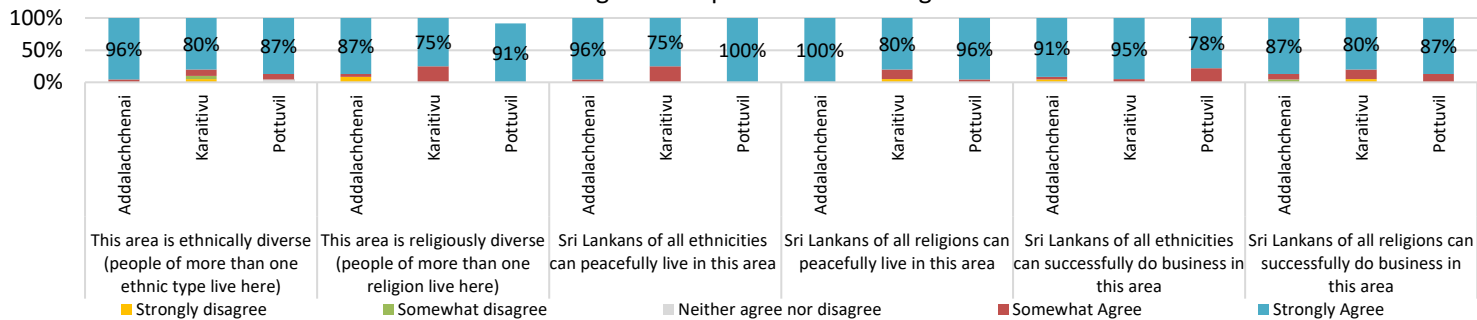
## Demographics



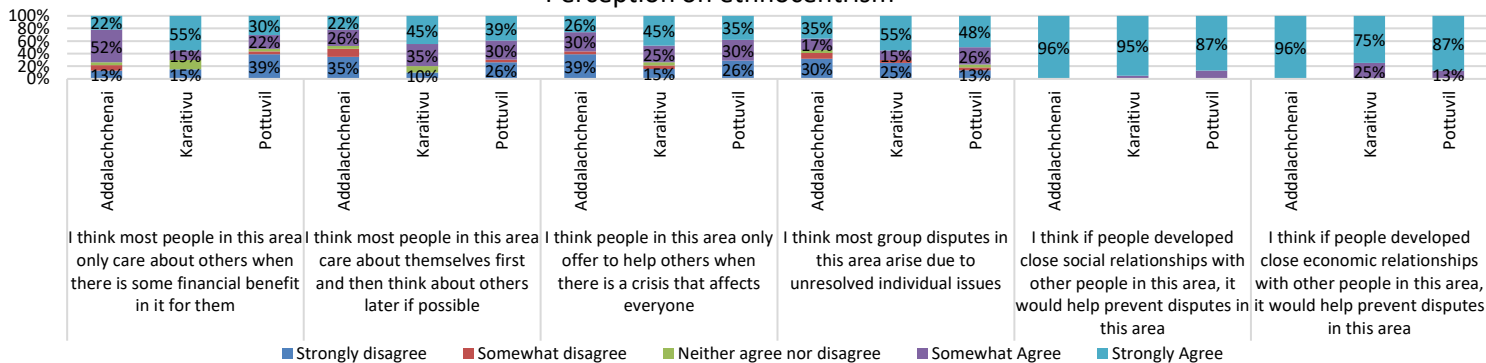
- The ethnic representation in Karaitivu is limited to Tamil and Muslim.
- All respondents from Karaitivu converse in Tamil.
- A majority of respondents have completed secondary education in Addalachchenai and Karaitivu while most of the respondents from Pottuvil have completed the GCE Ordinary Level.
- Most of them are full time employers and self employers in all divisions.
- Over 80% of the respondents are married. In Pottuvil, around 20% of respondents are single.
- Majority of the respondents consider themselves as Sri Lankan only. Importantly, in Karaitivu, 10% of respondents mentioned that think of themselves as belonging to their religious group.

# Ethno-religious diversity

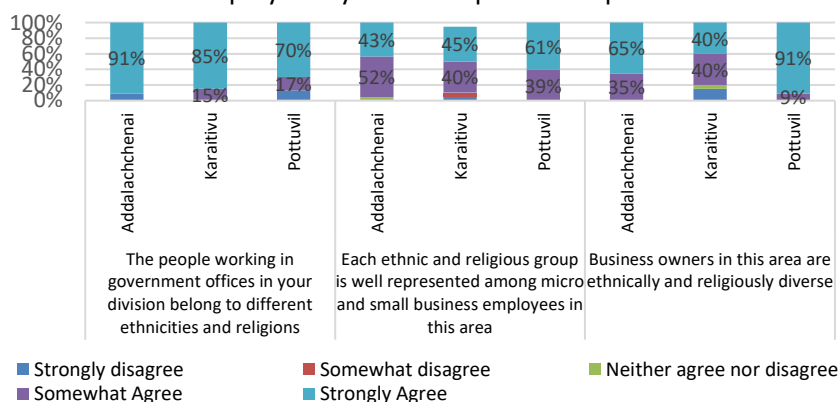
## Ethno-religious composition of the neighborhood



## Perception on ethnocentrism

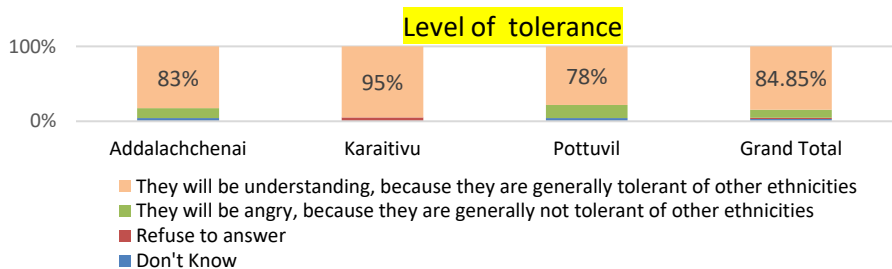


## Employability and Entrepreneurship



- It is interesting to note that in all divisions, a high percentage of respondents had positive views on coexistence and diversity.
- Developing social and economic relationships with other people would help prevent disputes in the area.
- Majority from Pottuvil mentioned that business owners are ethnically and religiously diverse.

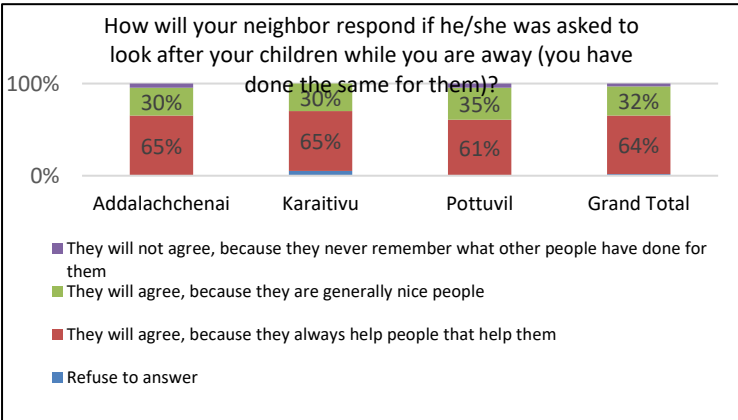
## Tolerance



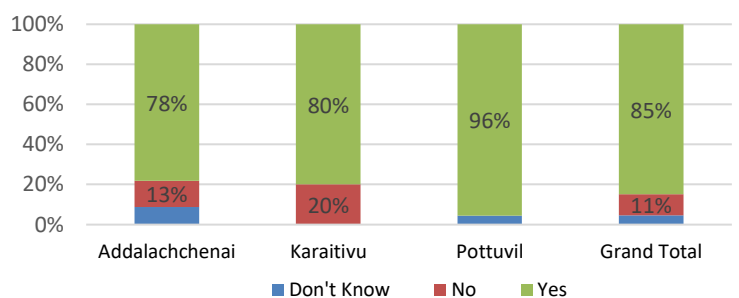
Consider the following scenario and respond: You are hosting a religious festival unique to your community at your home. It is generating a lot of loud noise in the neighbourhood at night. Your immediate neighbours are not of the same religion as you and are having difficulty sleeping. How do you think your neighbours will react to this?

- The tolerance level of respecting the beliefs or practices of their neighbors has been highly ranked by most of them from all three divisions.

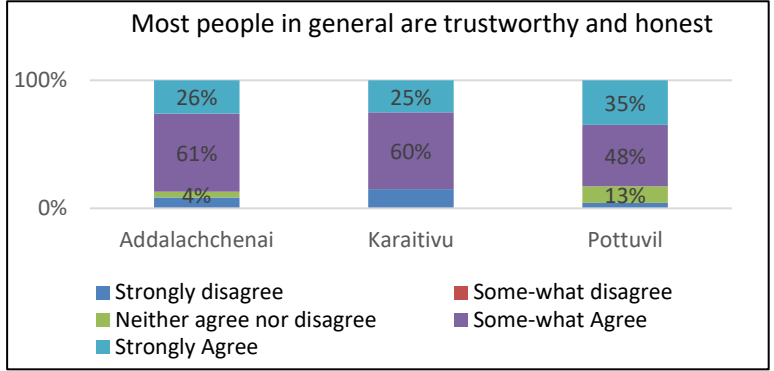
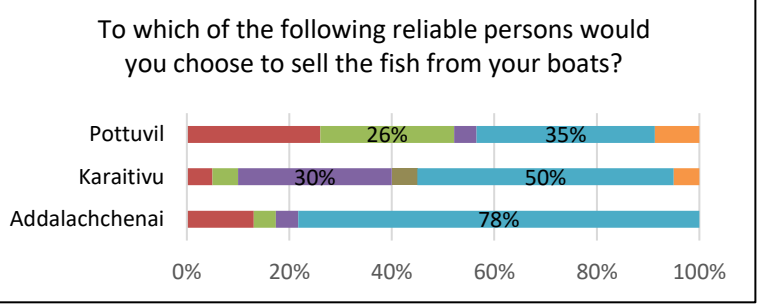
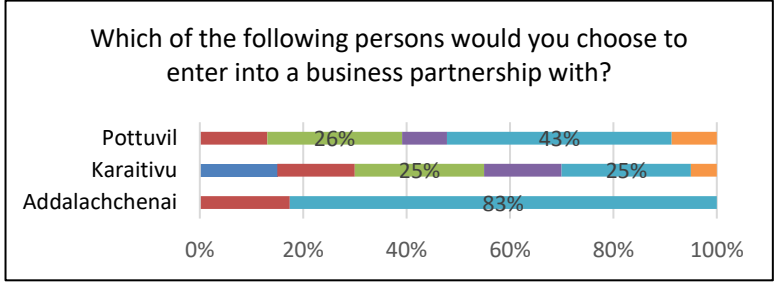
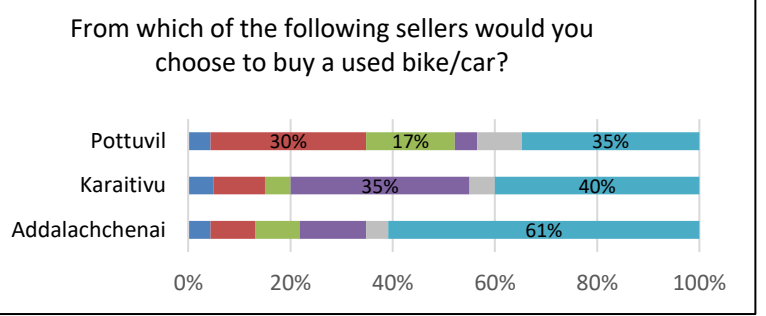
## Trust



## Do you feel safe walking alone in your neighbourhood at night?



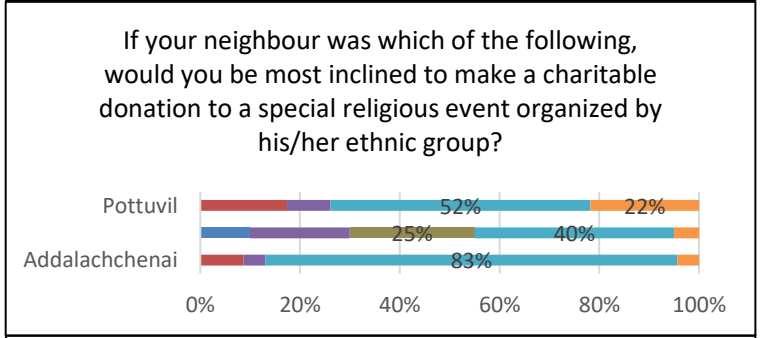
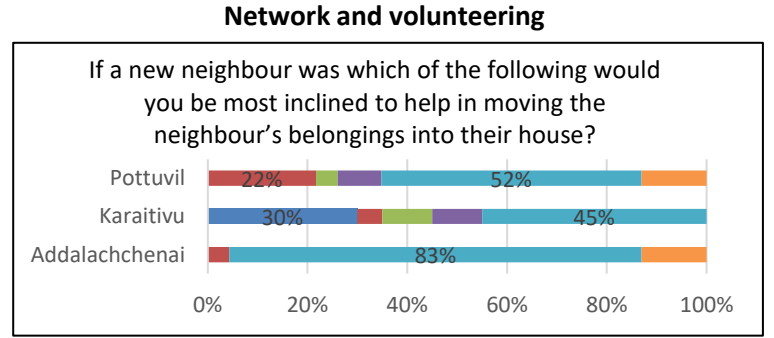
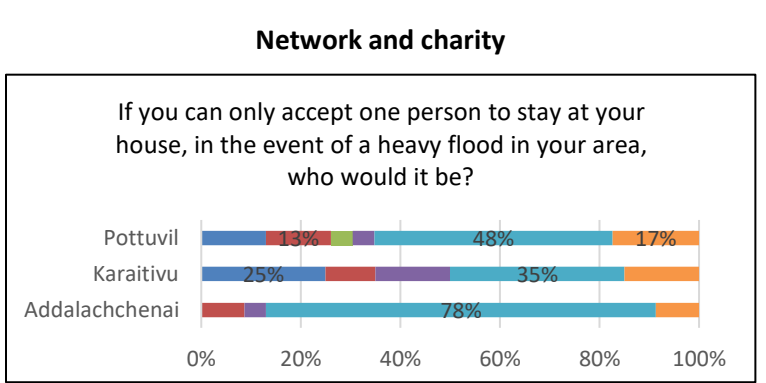
A person that's of the same ethnicity as you	17%
A person that's of the same religion as you	13%
A person that follows the same political party as you	13%
A person that's in the same work or business as you	17%
A person of the same gender as you	17%
A person that belongs to a same community organization as you	17%
No preference	17%
Refuse to answer	17%
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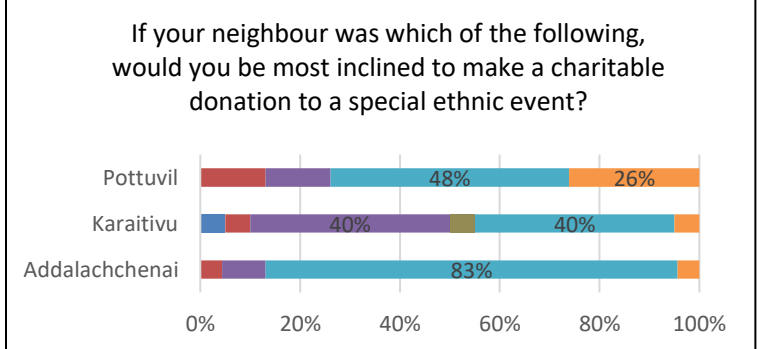
- Most of the respondents from Addalaichenai have no preference in selecting a person in regard to selling, buying and having a partnership based on business relations.
- Moreover, a majority of respondents from each division think that most people, in general, are trustworthy and honest in their neighborhood.

## Network connections

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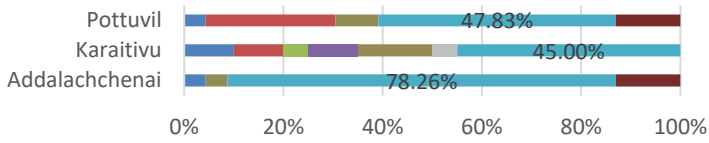


- In regard to helping, supporting, attending a festival and making a charitable donation, majority from Addalaichenai have mentioned that they would give their hand to a person without any preference.
- A majority of the participants have reported that they belong to an association or organization in their neighborhood or village community.
- Being part of an association gives them more social benefits, rather than economic benefits.

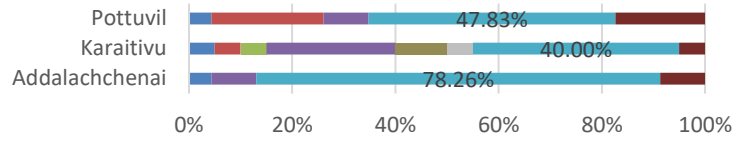


### Network and participation - Individual

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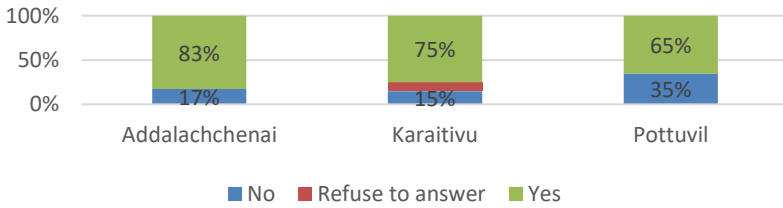


If the neighbour was which of the following, would you be most inclined to attend a ethnic festival celebration at his/her house?



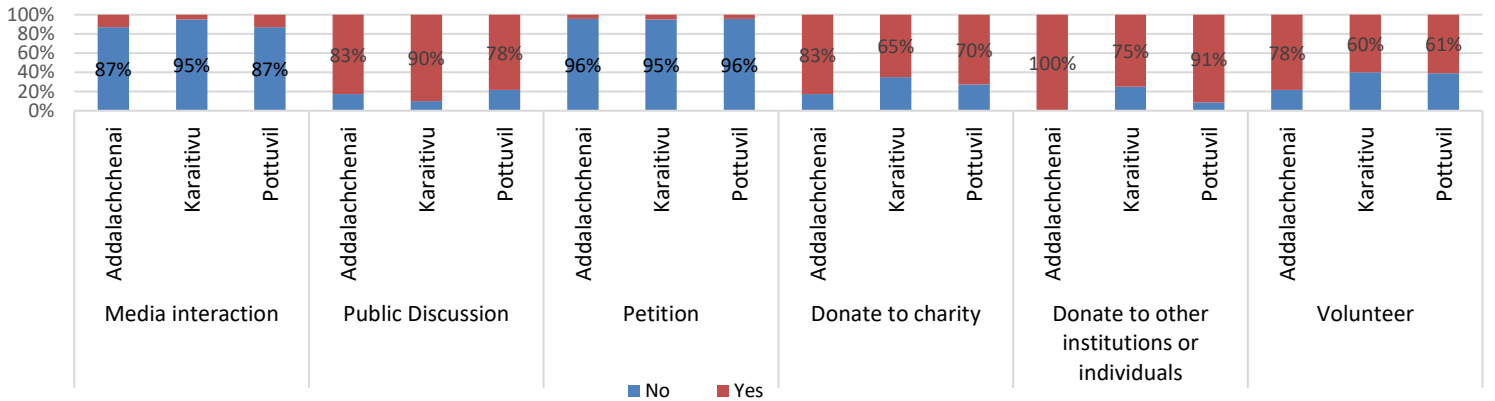
### Network and participation - Institutional

Do you belong to any association or organization in your neighbourhood or village community?



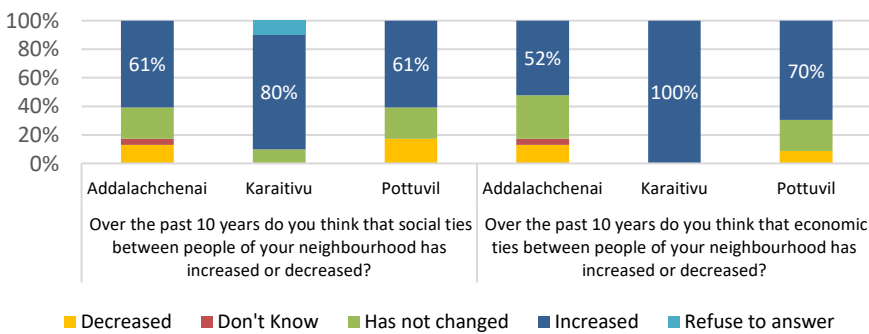
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### Network Activism



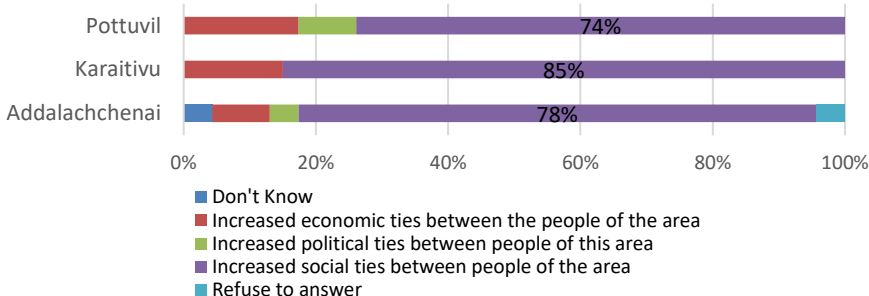
### Social and economic view

#### Social and economic ties between people



- A majority of the respondents from each division have concluded that the social and economic ties between people of their neighborhood has increased over the past 10 years.
- A majority of all ethnic groups have agreed that strengthening social ties between people of their neighborhood would be more productive for mitigating community conflict and enrich peacebuilding.

#### Most effective at preventing at conflict and promoting peace



#### Approach to improve social cohesion and mitigate conflicts

- Develop reconciliation and unity among the community.
- Promote peace and unity in the community.
- Build strong business relationships with different communities.
- Maintain equal opportunity and treatment.