# Social Capital Assessment (SCA) – Ampara

January 2020

SCA was conducted to asses 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:

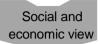




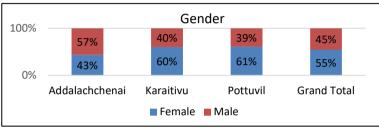


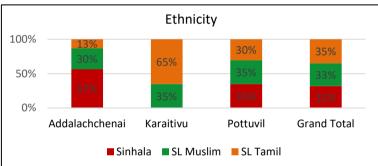


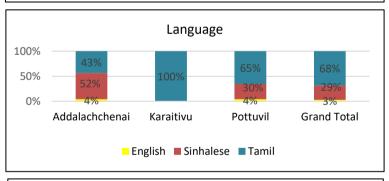


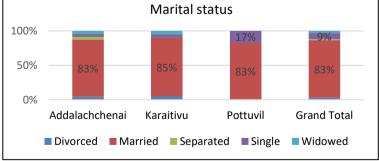


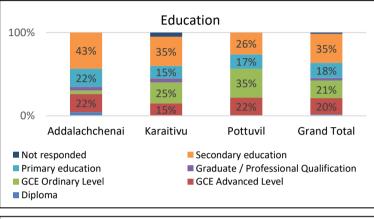
# **Demographics**

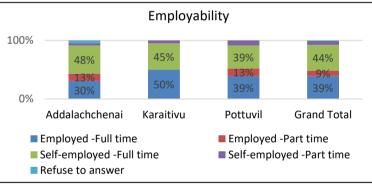








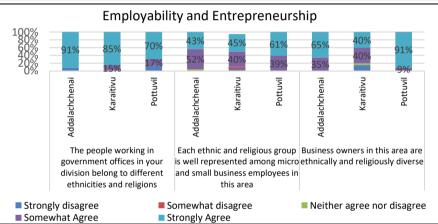






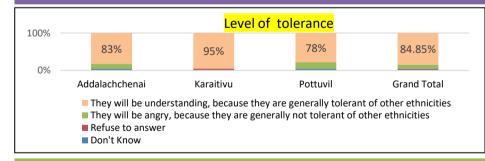
- The ethnic representation in Karaitivu is limited to Tamil and Muslim.
- All respondents from Karaitivu converse in Tamil.
- A majority of respondents have completed secondary education in Addalaichenai and Karaitivu while most of the respondents from Potuvil have completed the GCE Ordinary Level.
- Most of them are full time employers and self employers in all divisions.
- Over 80% of the respondents are married. In Potuvil, 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 100% 50% 100% 0% Pottuvil Pottuvil Karaitivu (araitivu Addalachchenai ddalachchenai Addalachchenai Pottuvil Addalachchenai ddalachchenai Pottuvil ddalachchenai This area is ethnically diverse This area is religiously diverse Sri Lankans of all ethnicities Sri Lankans of all religions can Sri Lankans of all ethnicities Sri Lankans of all religions can (people of more than one can peacefully live in this area peacefully live in this area can successfully do business in successfully do business in (people of more than one ethnic type live here) religion live here) this area this area Strongly disagree ■ Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree Somewhat disagree Perception on ethnocentrism Pottuvil Addalachchenai ddalachchenai Pottuvil (araitivu \dalachchenai Pottuvil I think if people developed I think if people developed I think most people in this areal think most people in this area I think people in this area only I think most group disputes in only care about others when care about themselves first offer to help others when this area arise due to close social relationships with close economic relationships there is some financial benefit and then think about others there is a crisis that affects unresolved individual issues other people in this area, it with other people in this area, in it for them later if possible everyone would help prevent disputes in it would help prevent disputes this area in this area ■ Strongly disagree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree



- 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.

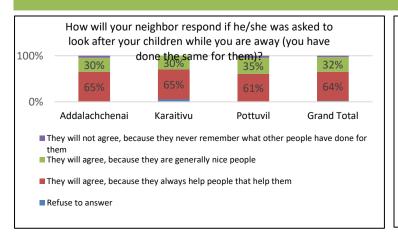
# **Tolerance**

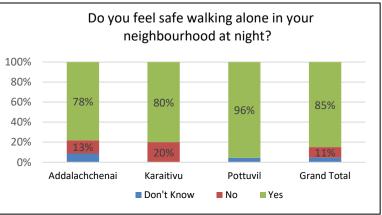


Consider the following scenario and respond: You are hosting a religious festival unique to your community at your home. It is generating a lot of loud noise in the neighbourhood at night. Your immediate neighbours are not of the same religion as you and are having difficulty sleeping. How do you think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

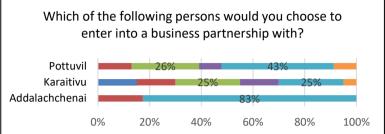
 The tolerance level of respecting the beliefs or practices of their neighbors has been highly ranked by most of them from all three divisions.

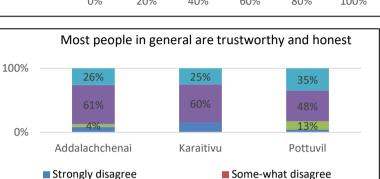
### **Trust**





A person that's of the same ethnicity as you	
A person that's of the same religion as you	
A person that follows the same political party as you	
A person that's in the same work or business as you	
A person of the same gender as you	
A person that belongs to a same community organization as you	
No preference	
Refuse to answer	
Don't know	

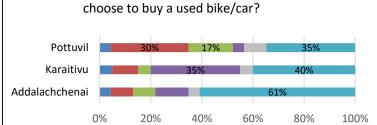




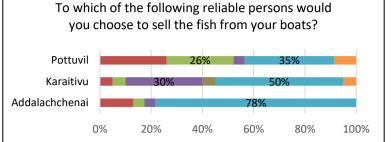
■ Some-what Agree

■ Neither agree nor disagree

■ Strongly Agree

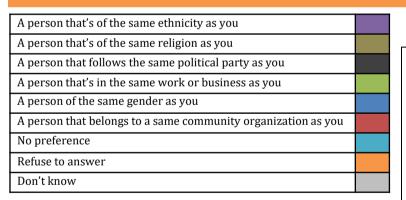


From which of the following sellers would you

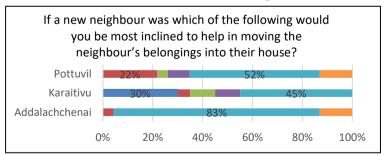


- Most of the respondents from Addalaichenai have no preference in selecting a person in regard to selling, buying and having a partnership based on business relations.
- Moreover, a majority of respondents from each division think that most people, in general, are trustworthy and honest in their neighborhood.

# **Network connections**

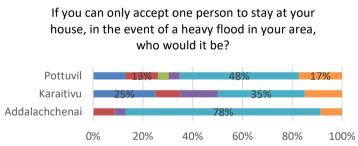


#### **Network and volunteering**

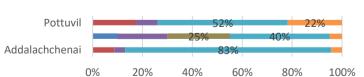


- In regard to helping, supporting, attending a festival and making a charitable donation, majority from Addalaichenai have mentioned that they would give their hand to a person without any preference.
- A majority of the participants have reported that they belong to an association or organization in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

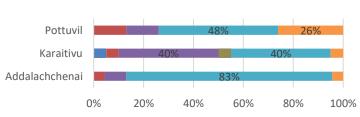
#### **Network and charity**



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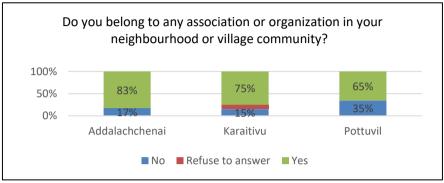


#### **Network and participation - Individual**

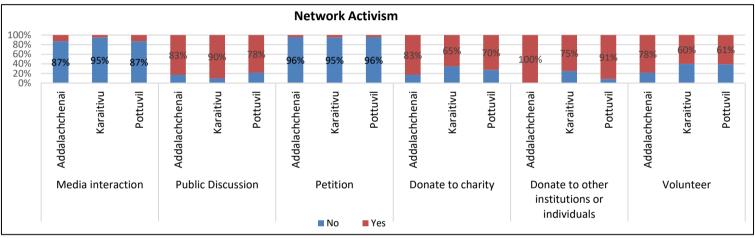
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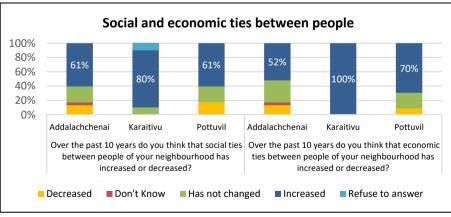
### **Network and participation - Institutional**



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# Social and economic view



- would be more productive for mitigating community conflict and enrich peacebuilding. Approach to improve social cohesion and Most effective at preventing at conflict and promoting peace mitigate conflicts
- Pottuvil Karaitivu Addalachchenai 0% 40% 60% 80% 100% Don't Know ■ Increased economic ties between the people of the area ■ Increased political ties between people of this area ■ Increased social ties between people of the area

A majority of the respondents from each

division have concluded that the social

and economic ties between people of

their neighborhood has increased over

A majority of all ethnic groups have

agreed that strengthening social ties

between people of their neighborhood

the past 10 years.

- 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.