Social Capital Assessment (SCA) - Batticaloa

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:

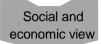




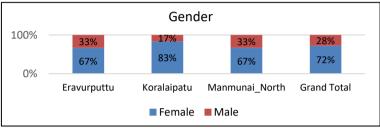


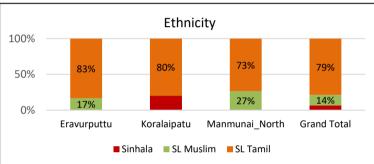


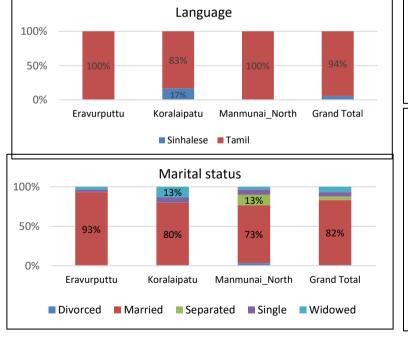


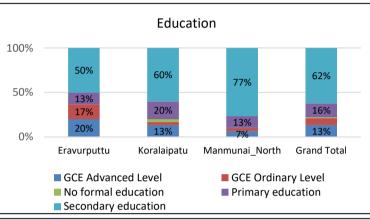


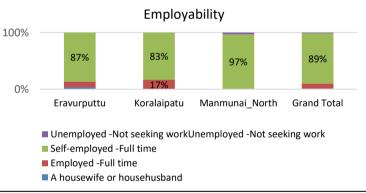
Demographics

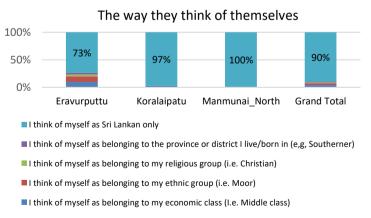






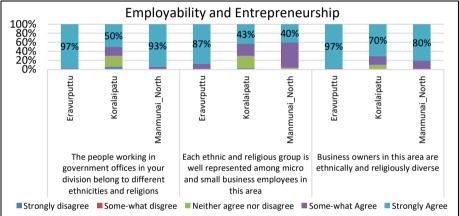






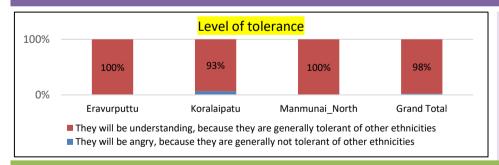
- Koralaipattu has a higher number of female respondents compared to the other two divisions.
- The ethnic representation in Eravurpattu and Manmunai North is limited to Tamil and Muslim and all respondents converse in Tamil.
- A majority of respondents have completed their secondary education in all three divisions.
- Most of them are full time self employers in all divisions.
- Over 70% of the respondents are married.
- Majority of the respondents consider themselves as Sri Lankan only. In Eravurpattu, some respondents mentioned that
 they think of themselves as belonging to their ethnic group and economic class.

Ethno-religious diversity Ethno-religious composition of the neighborhood 100% 50% 0% Janmunai_Nort Manmunai Nort Nort Eravurputtu Eravurputtu Eravurputtu Manmunai Janmunai lanmunai Manmunai _ ے ے ح ٦ ے 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 this (people of more than one religion live here) ethnic type live here) this area ■ Strongly disagree ■ Some-what disgree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Some-what Agree ■ Strongly Agree Perception on ethno-centrism 100% 80% 60% 40% North Manmunai North North Koralaipatu Eravurputtu Coralaipatu I think most people in this area only I think most people in this area care I think people in this area only offer I think most group disputes in this I think if people developed close I think if people developed close care about others when there is about themselves first and then to help others when there is a crisis social relationships with other economic relationships with other area arise due to unresolved people in this area, it would help some financial benefit in it for them think about others later if possible that affects everyone individual issues people in this area, it would help prevent disputes in this area prevent disputes in this area ■ Strongly disagree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Neither agree nor disagree ■ Somewhat agree Strongly agree **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 be help prevent disputes in the area.
- Majority from each division have mentioned that business owners are ethnically and religiously diverse.

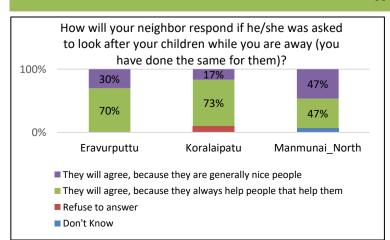
Tolerance

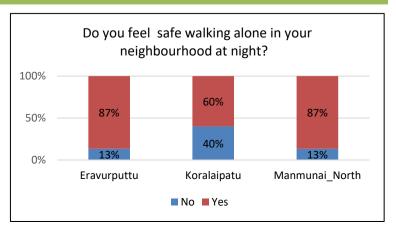


Consider the following scenario and respond: You are hosting a religious festival unique to your community at your home. It is generating a lot of loud noise in the neighbourhood at night. Your immediate neighbours are not of the same religion as you and are having difficulty sleeping. How do you think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

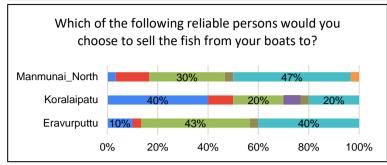
 The tolerance level of respecting the beliefs or practices of their neighbors has been highly ranked by most of them from all three divisions.

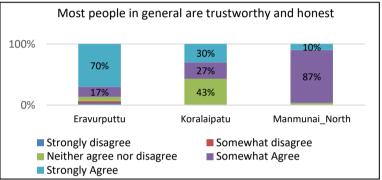
Trust

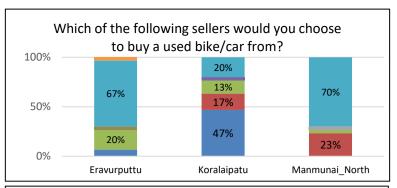


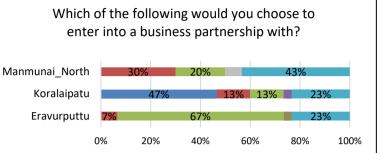


A person that's of the same ethnicity as you	
A person that's of the same religion as you	
A person that follows the same political party as you	
A person that's in the same work or business as you	
A person of the same gender as you	
A person that belongs to a same community organization as you	
No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



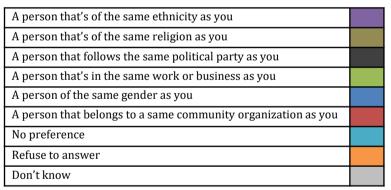




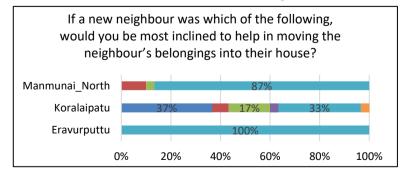


- In regard to selling, buying and having a partnership based on business relations, most respondents from Manmunai North have no preference to select a person. Whereas, in Koralaipattu, a majority would select a person that's of the same gender as them
- Majority of respondents from Koralai Pattu have neither agreed nor disagreed that most people, in general, are trustworthy and honest in their neighborhood.

Network connections

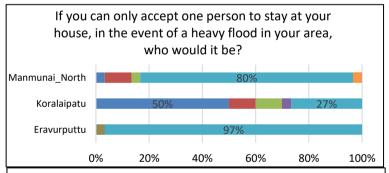


Network and volunteering

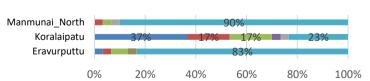


- A majority of the participants from Manmunai North and Eravur Pattu have given their hand to a person without any preference when their neighbors are struggling with natural disasters.
- A majority of the respondents, except in Koralai Pattu, have no preferences to donate a charitable donation for any religious or ethnic ceremony or attend any ethnic or religious festival.

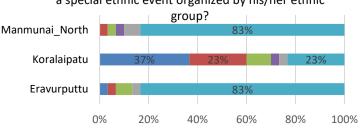
Network and charity



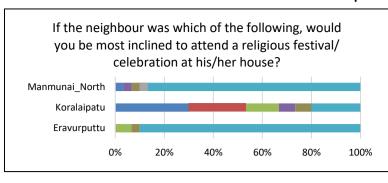
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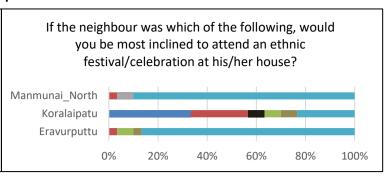


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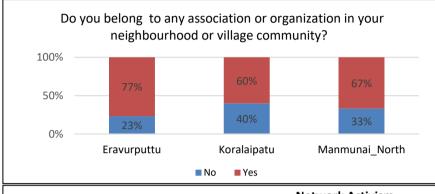


Network and participation - Individual

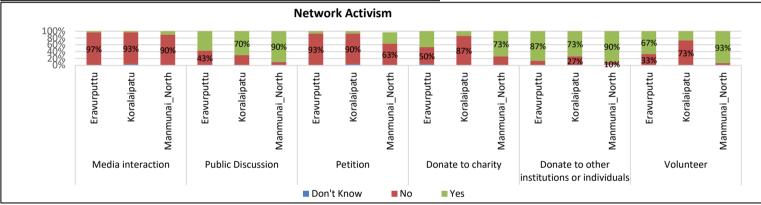




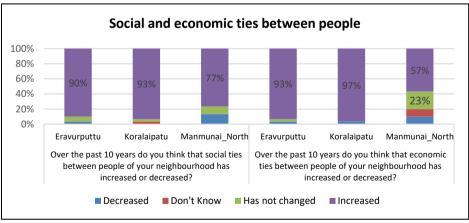
Network and participation - Institutional



- 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.



Social and economic view



- 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 among 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 Manmunai_North Koralaipatu Eravurputtu 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% Don't Know Increased economic ties between the people of the area Increased political ties between people of this area

Approach to improve social cohesion and mitigate conflicts

- Promote peace and unity in the community.
- Build mutual understanding among ethnic and religion groups.
- Create strong business relationships with different communities.
- Maintain equal opportunity and treatment.