

Social Capital Assessment (SCA) – Batticaloa

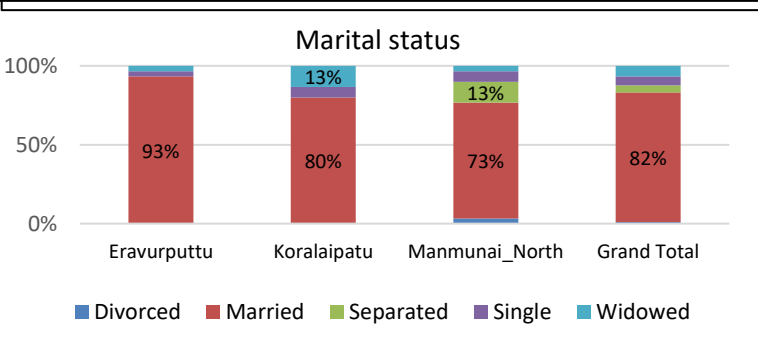
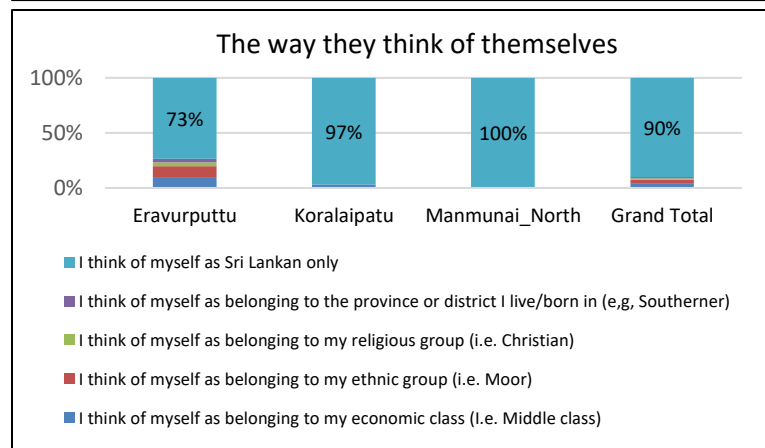
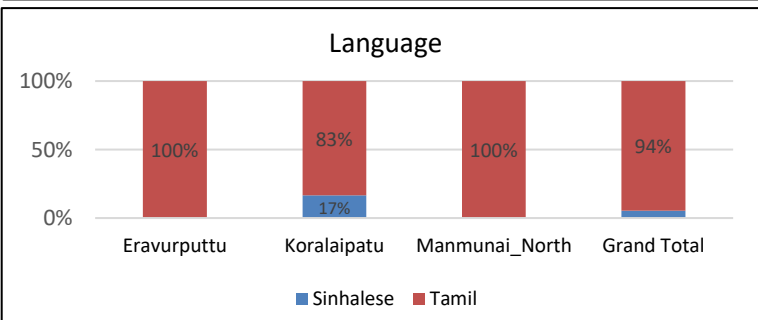
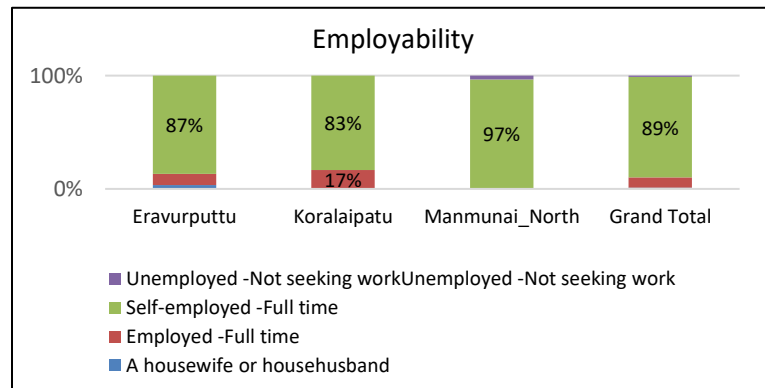
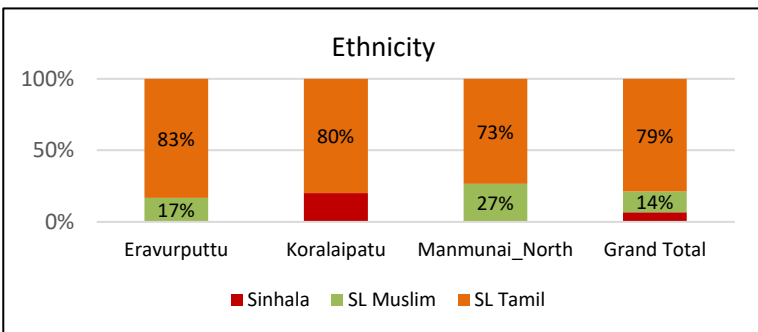
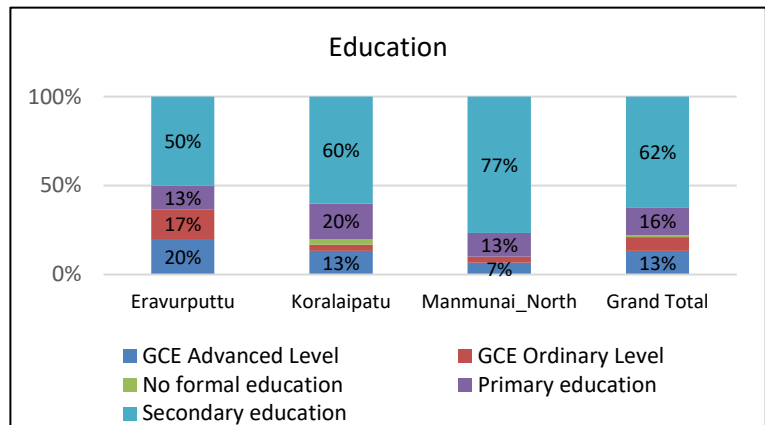
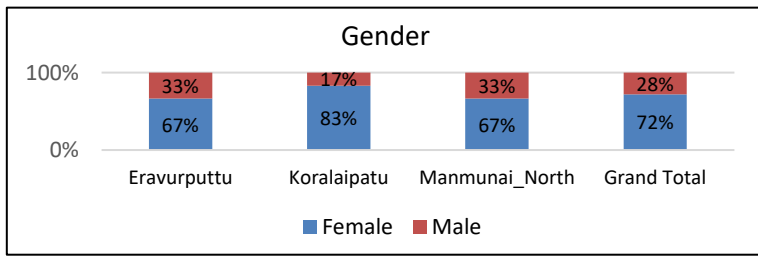
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SCA was conducted to assess the strength of relationships among people's perspectives on ethno-religious and social-economic relations to develop social cohesion. The project beneficiaries selected for the district level programs participated in the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

The Social Capital Assessment covered different aspects:

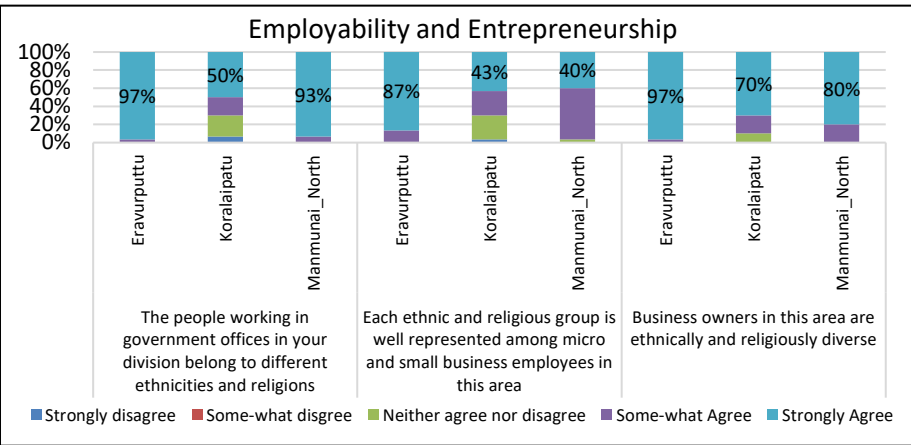
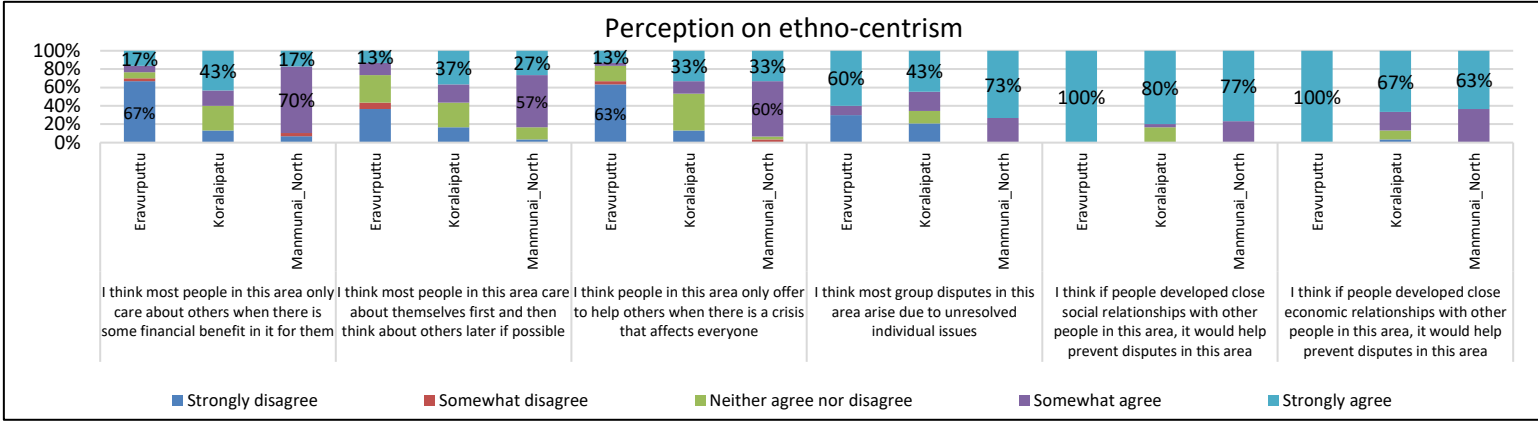
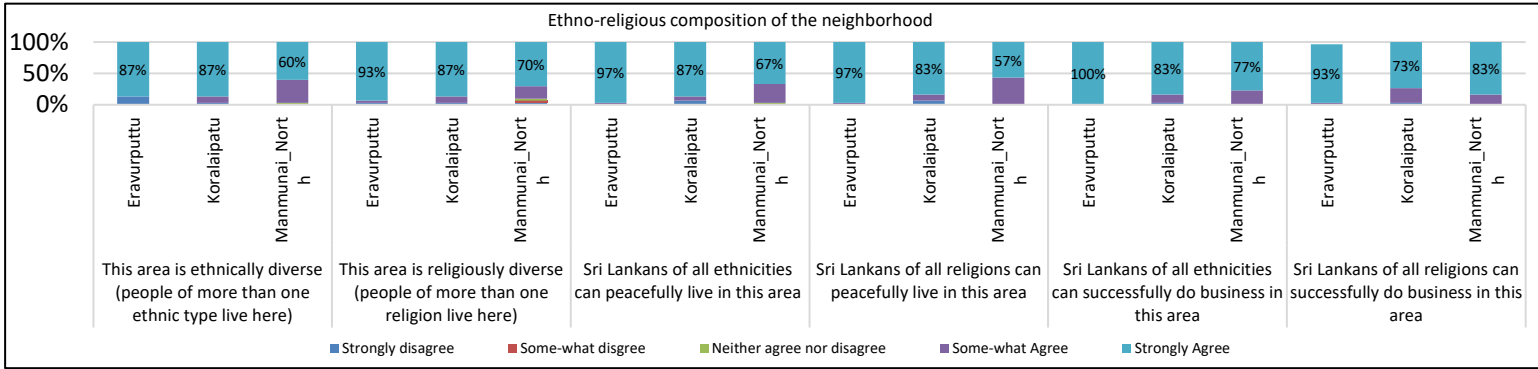


Demographics



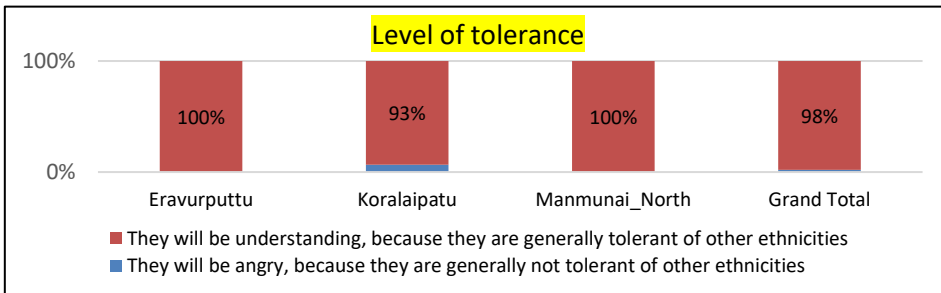
- Koralaipattu has a higher number of female respondents compared to the other two divisions.
- The ethnic representation in Eravurputtu and Manmunai North is limited to Tamil and Muslim and all respondents converse in Tamil.
- A majority of respondents have completed their secondary education in all 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 Eravurputtu, some respondents mentioned that they think of themselves as belonging to their ethnic group and economic class.

Ethno-religious diversity



- 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.

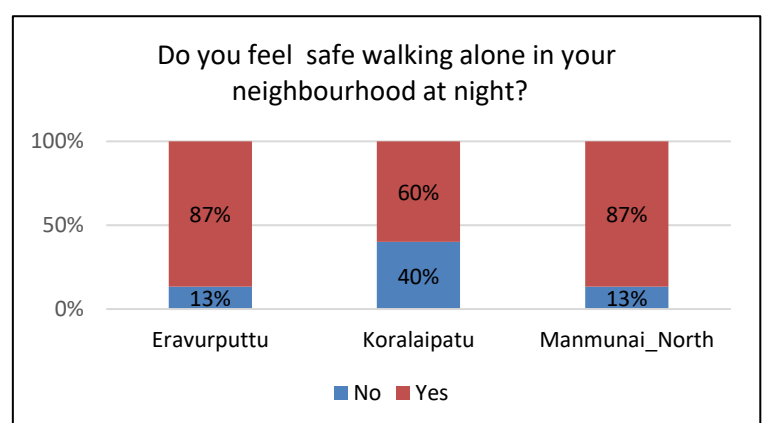
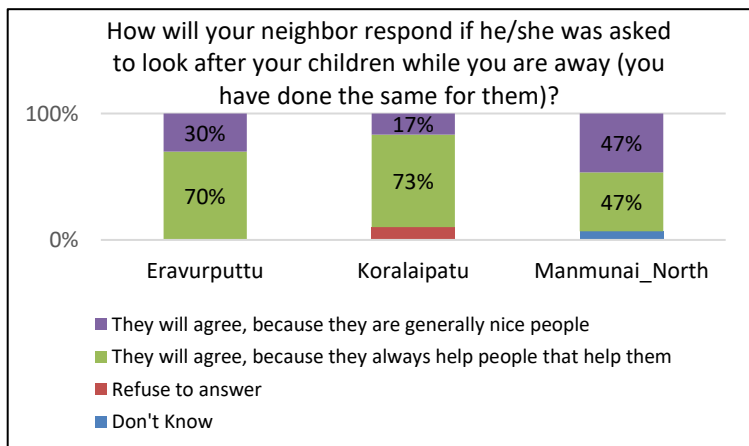
Tolerance



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?

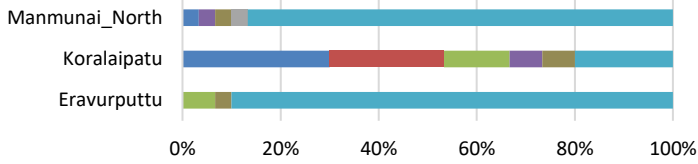
- The tolerance level of respecting the beliefs or practices of their neighbors has been highly ranked by most of them from all three divisions.

Trust

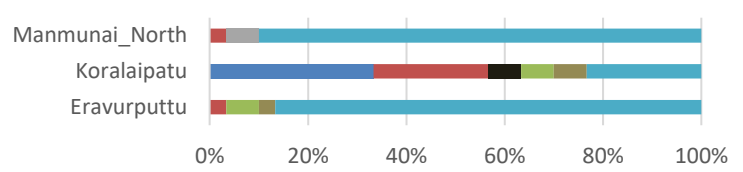


Network and participation - Individual

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

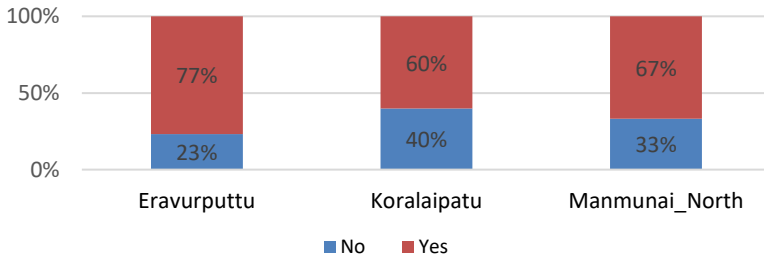


If the neighbour was which of the following, would you be most inclined to attend an ethnic festival/celebration at his/her house?



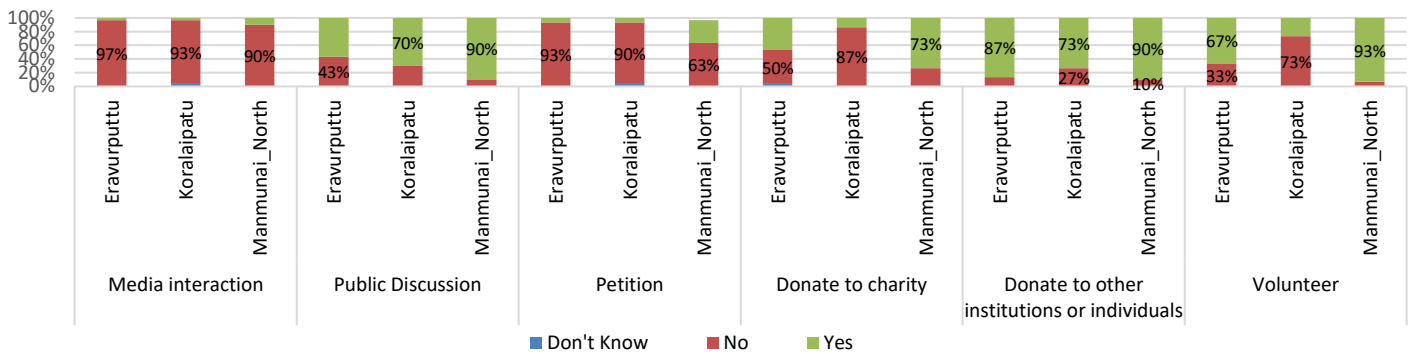
Network and participation - Institutional

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



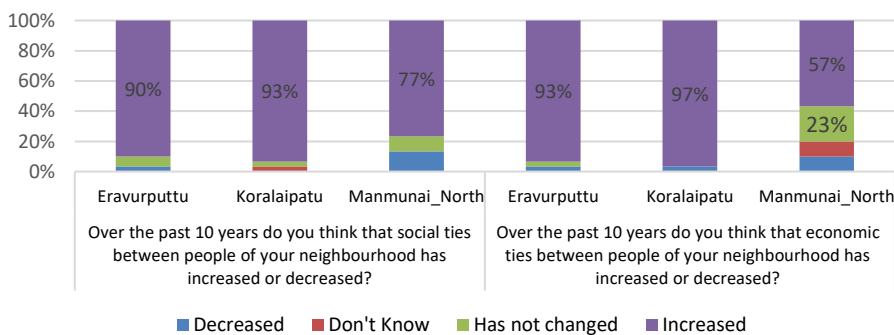
- A majority of the participants have reported that they belong to an association or organization in their neighborhood or village community.
- Being part of an association gives them more social benefits rather than economic benefits.

Network Activism



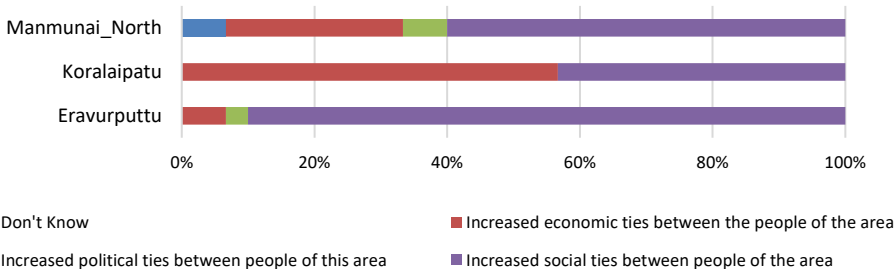
Social and economic view

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 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



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.