

Social Capital Assessment (SCA) – Trincomalee

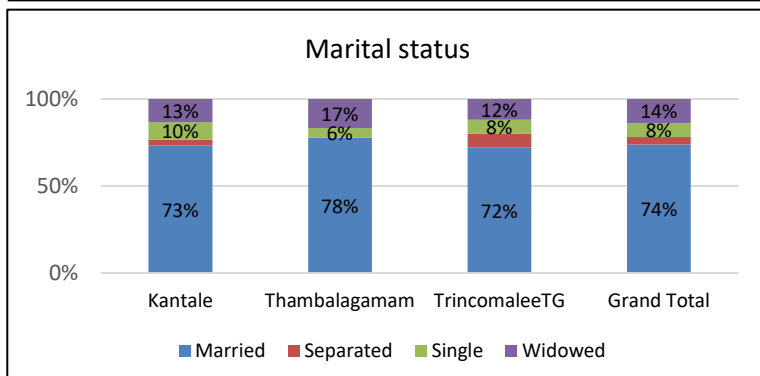
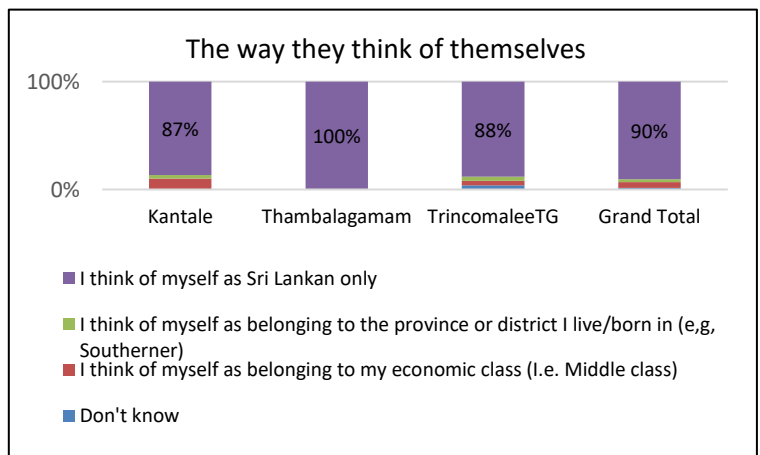
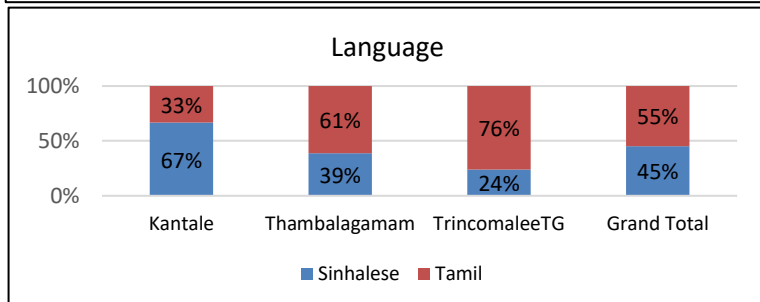
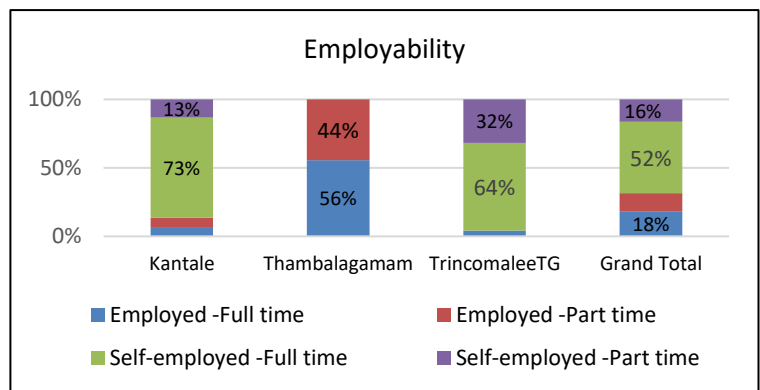
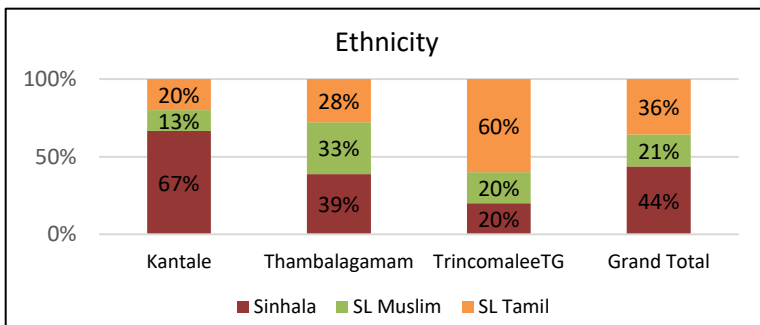
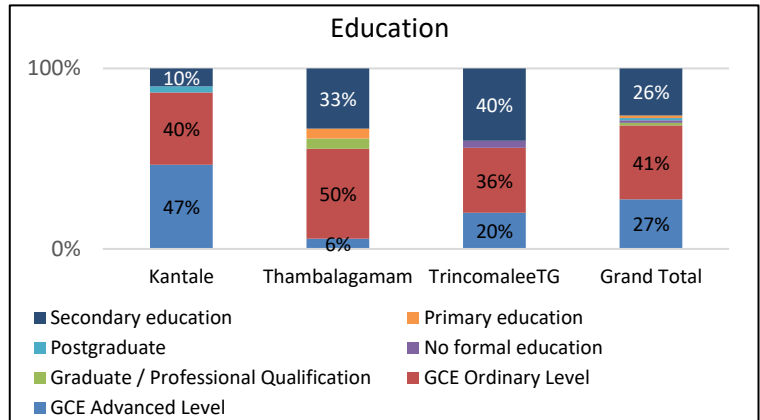
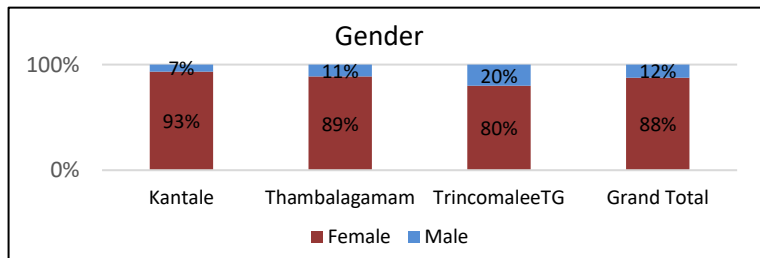
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SCA was conducted to assess the strength of relationships among people's perspectives on ethno-religious and social-economic relations to develop social cohesion. The project beneficiaries selected for the district level programs participated in the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

The Social Capital Assessment covered different aspects:



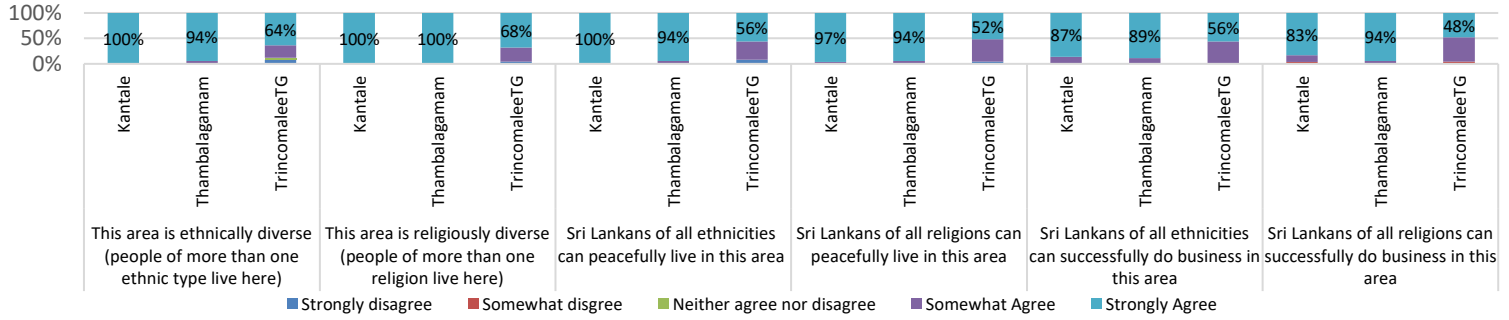
Demographics



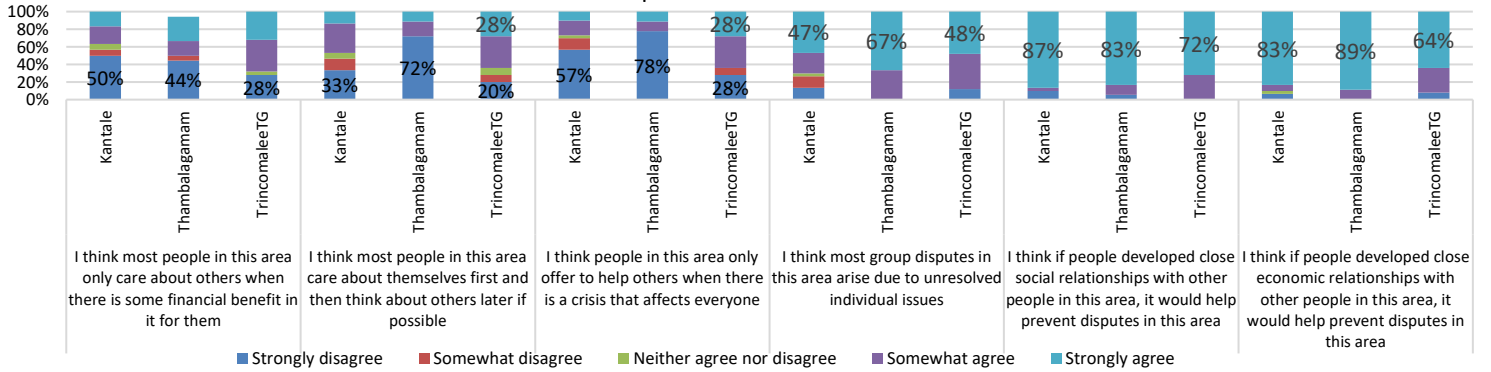
- All divisions have a higher percentage of females.
- All ethnic groups are represented in all divisions.
- A majority of respondents from Kantale have completed the GCE Advanced Level, while in the other two divisions respondents have completed up to the GCE Ordinary Level.
- Most of them from Kantale and Trinco town and Gravets are full-time self-employers, while in Thambalagamamuwa, most of them are full-time and part-time employers.
- More than 70% of the respondents are married.
- Majority of the respondents consider themselves as Sri Lankan only.

Ethno-religious diversity

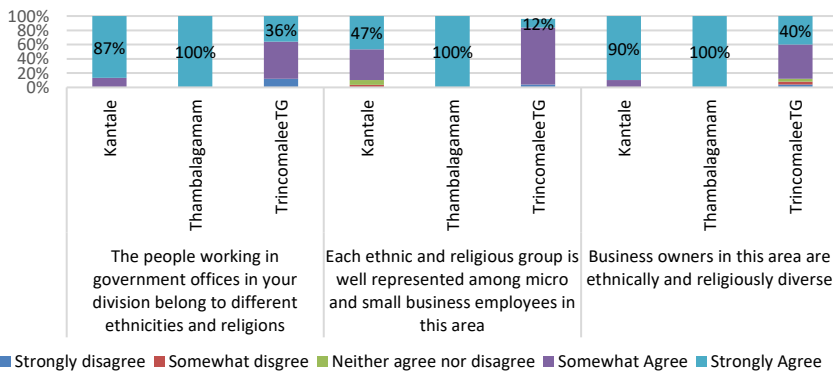
Ethno-religious composition of the neighborhood



Perception on ethno-centrism



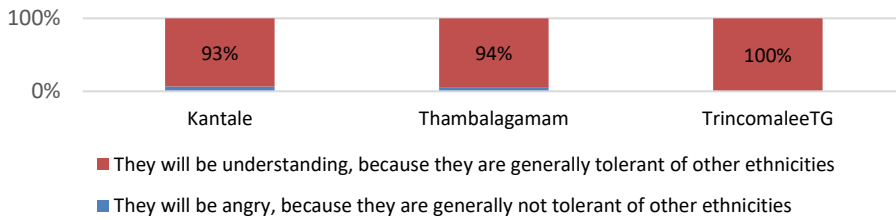
Employability and Entrepreneurship



- 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 each division have mentioned that government officers and business owners in their area are ethnically and religiously diverse.

Tolerance

Level of tolerance

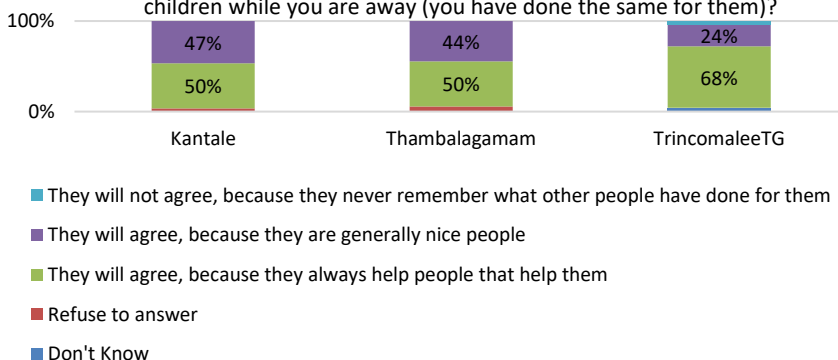


Consider the following scenario and respond: You are hosting a religious festival unique to your community at your home. It is generating a lot of loud noise in the neighbourhood at night. Your immediate neighbours are not of the same religion as you and are having difficulty sleeping. How do you think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

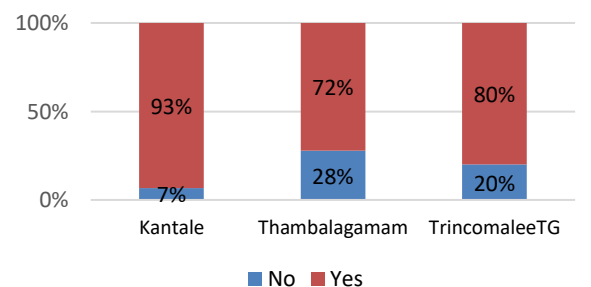
- The tolerance level of respecting the beliefs or practices of their neighbors has been highly ranked by most of them from all three divisions.

Trust

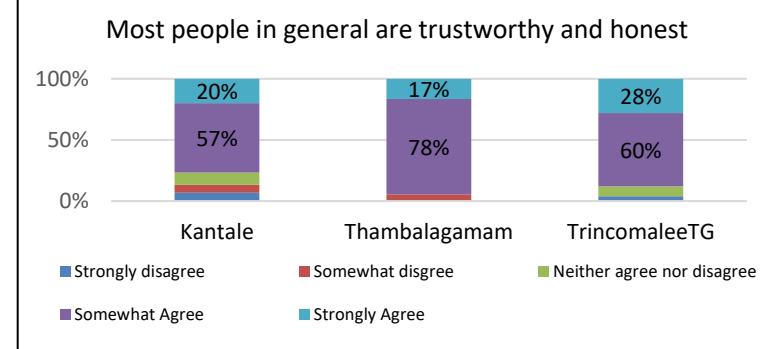
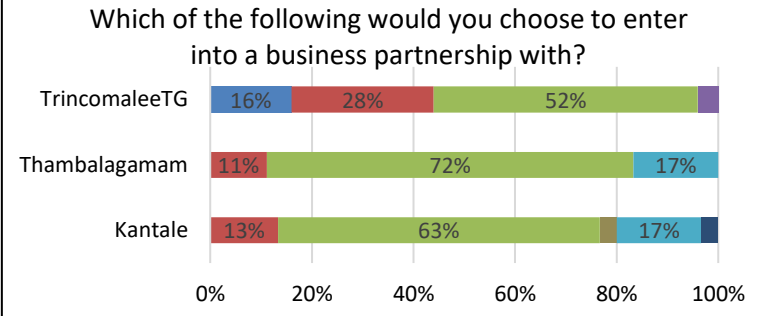
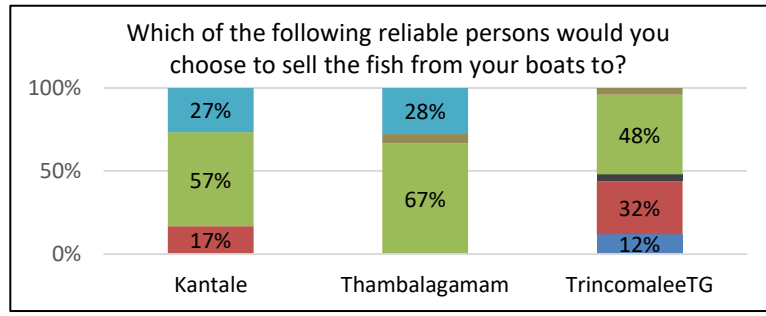
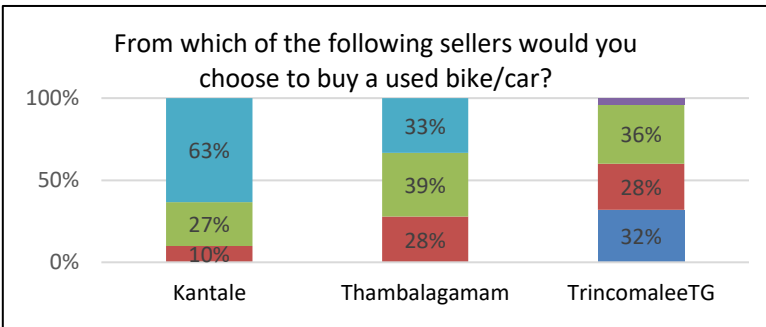
How will your neighbor respond if he/she was asked to look after your children while you are away (you have done the same for them)?



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



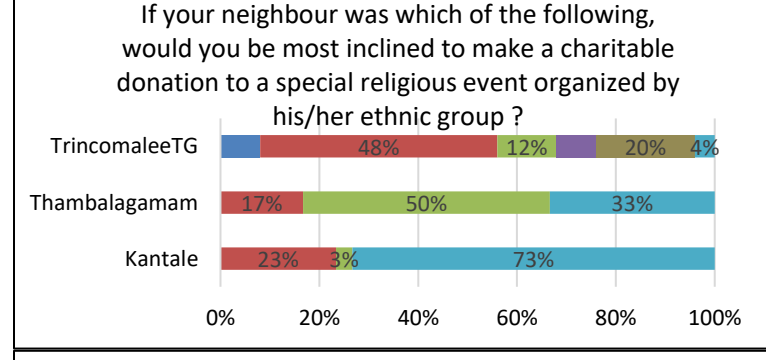
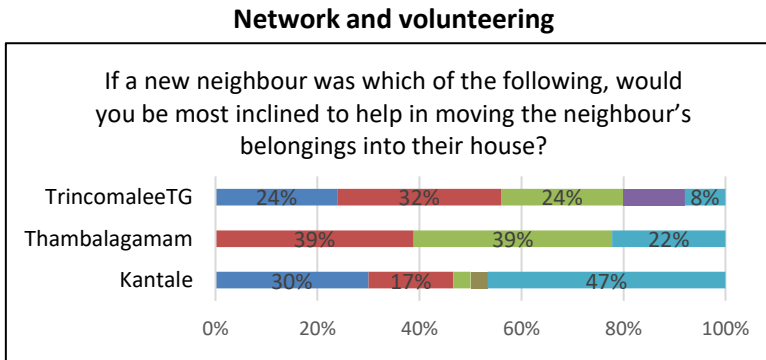
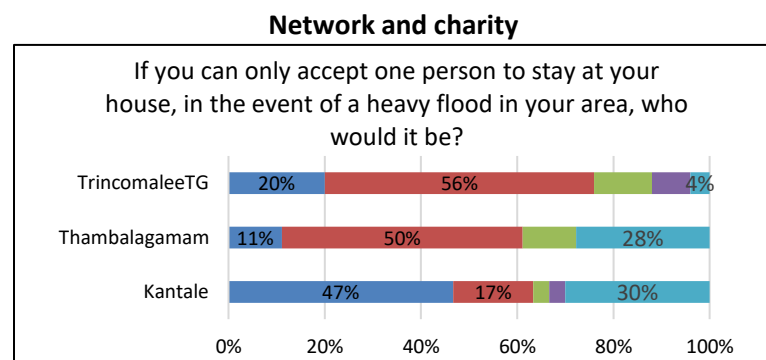
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A person that's of the same religion as you	
A person that follows the same political party as you	
A person that's in the same work or business as you	
A person of the same gender as you	
A person that belongs to a same community organization as you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



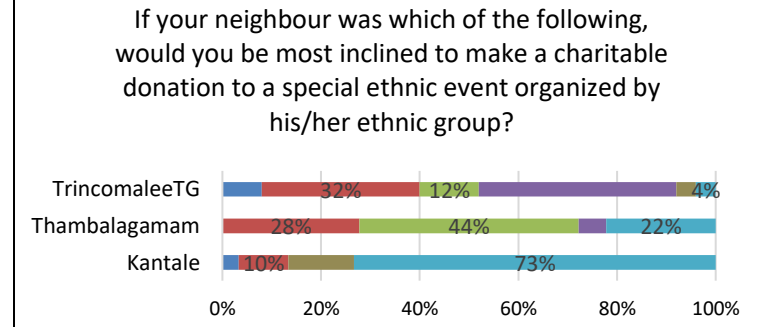
- When buying items, most respondents from Kantale have no preferences, while in the other two districts, majority would select a person from the same work or business as them.
- In regard to selling and having a partnership based on business relations, majority from all districts would select a person that's of the same work or business as them.
- Majority of respondents in all districts have somewhat agreed that most people, in general, are trustworthy and honest in their neighborhood.

Network connections

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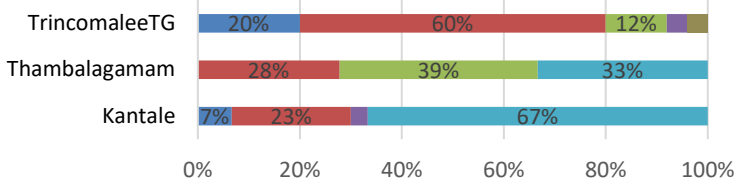


- A majority of the participants from Thambalagamawa and Trinco Town and Gravets have given their hand to a neighbor from the same community organization when their neighbors were struggling with natural disasters.
- Different groups of people in each district have different choices to select a person to donate a charitable donation for religious or ethnic ceremonies and attend ethnic or religious festivals in their neighborhood.

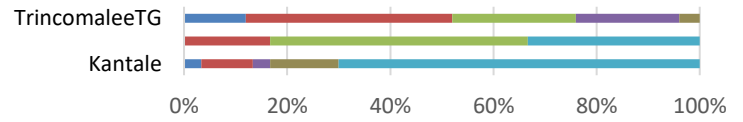


Network and participation - Individual

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

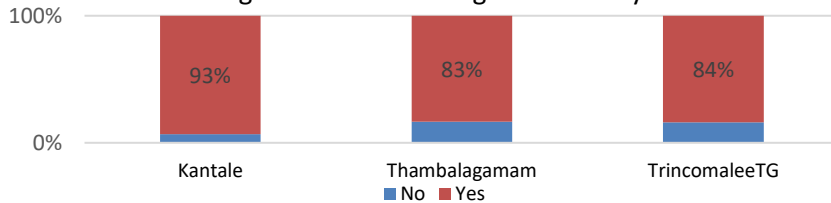


If the neighbour was which of the following, would you be most inclined to attend a ethnic festival celebration organized by his/her ethnic group?



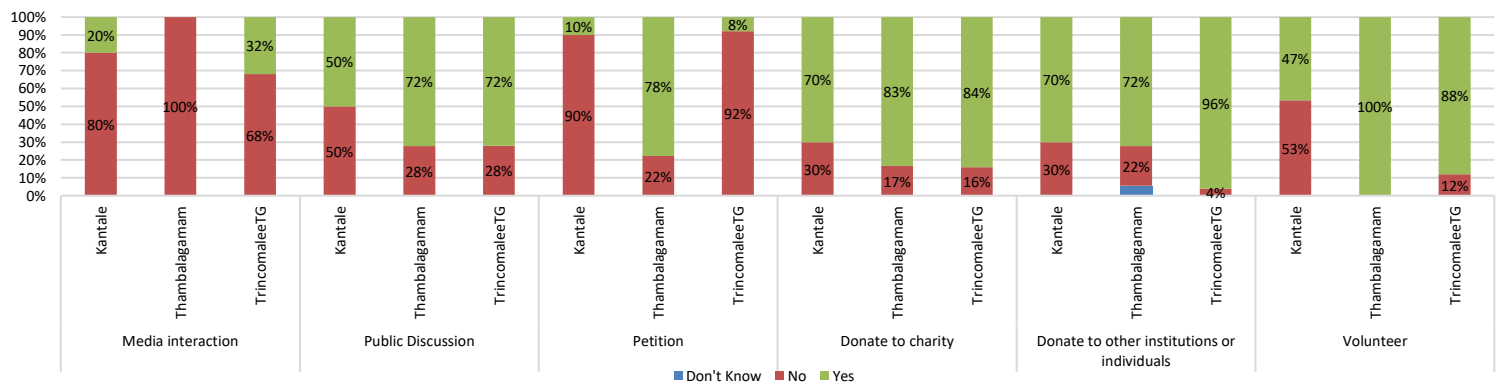
Network and participation - Institutional

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



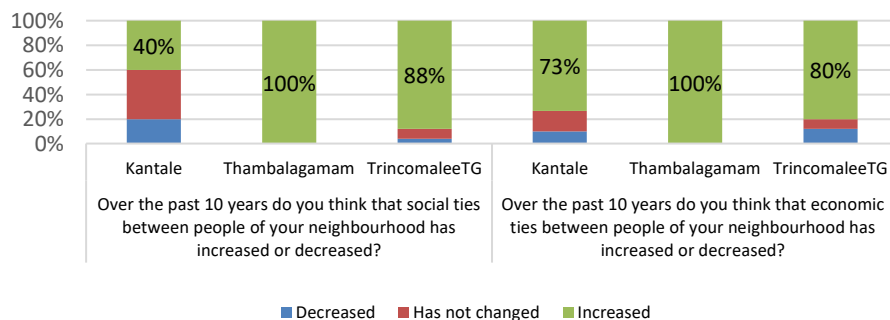
- A majority of the participants reported that they belong to an association or organization in their neighborhood or village community.
- Being part of an association gives them more social benefits rather than economic benefits.

Network Activism



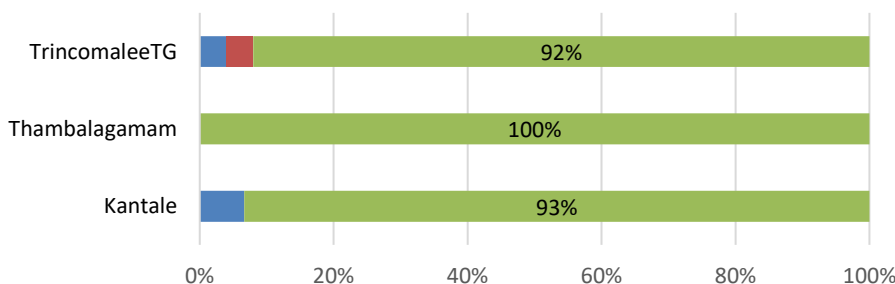
Social and economic view

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 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 conflict and promoting peace



Approach to improve social cohesion and mitigate conflicts

- Promote peace and harmony in the community.
- Build mutual understanding among all communities.
- Maintain equal opportunity and treatment.