

**“REBUILDING COASTAL AREA FISHERIES LIVELIHOOD IN
BATTICALOA DISTRICT POST- TSUNAMI”**



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Abstract

Fishery is one of the major affected industries in Batticaloa district. It has had a considerable contribution to the economy of the Batticaloa district and on the total production of the country. At present, it was totally collapsed due to large destruction caused by recent havoc. Therefore it is a urgent need to restarting those communities livelihoods. The main objective of the present study is to explore the needs of the fishermen in restarting their fishing.

Data on variables, natural, social, physical, human, and financial were collected through the samples of 200 affected fishermen who were randomly selected from nine affected fisheries inspected divisions in Batticaloa district. The questionnaires have been filled during the period between 20th of March and 28th of April. The univariate analysis was made through computer package SPSS 11.0.

The result of this study reveals fishermen have needs/ problem relates to all variables. This is the evidence that no one ongoing rehabilitation programme paid attention on this community. This study shows that the mean value for natural capital is 3.8917, for social capital is 2.7383, physical capital is 4.4175, human capital is 4.5369 and financial 4.4772. Therefore the needs of fishermen are in higher level.

It is recommended that, in order to rebuild fisheries livelihood, governmental and non-governmental organizations and their activities should be mainly focused on fisheries community. In addition to extent this idea further researches are needed.

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