

7. Characteristics of 14 grama niladari divisions (GNDs) surveyed

GNDs in each district were selected to reflect existing religious, ethnic and livelihood diversity. 6 of the GNDs were Tamil (some Christian and some Hindu), 2 GNDs Sinhalese, 1 GND Muslim, and the remaining 5 GNDs were mixed. Livelihoods include fishing and farming (including fish and farm labour), retail, trade and government employment. One Tamil village identified themselves as low caste, and one GND included conflict refugees. GND characteristics are summarized below. However these are based on the Grama Niladari and other key informants. In some cases (eg. Pothuvil) they are slightly different to the sample results as our sample is randomly selected from “unusable” houses.

GND Characteristics (based on grama niladari and other key informants)

District	DS division	GND Name	Ethnicity				Livelihood composition
			Sinhala	Tamil	Muslim	Burger	
Matara	Weligama	Pelena South	100				Fishing, manufacturing, trading
Hambantota	Hambantota	Hambantota East	50		50		Fishing, small scale trading, Private and Government employment
Galle	Habaraduwa	Koggala	100				Manufacturing, tourism, public sector
	Galle four gravets	Dewata	50		50		Manufacturing, trade, fishing
Ampara	Ninthavur	Ninthavur 01			100		Fishing (50%), farming (50%)
	Pothuvil	Sinna Ullai	1	1	98		Fishing (50%), farming (50%)
	Thirukkivil	Thambiluvil 1 East		99	1		Fishing (50%), farming (50%)
	Alayadiwembu	Sinnamugathuwaram		95		5	Fishing, farming, tourism
Batticalo	Manmunai North	Navalady		100			Fishing
		Thiruchendhoor		100			Fishing, labourers
	Koralai Pattu	Kalkuda	2	98			Fishing
Trincomalee	Manmunai South & Eru	Onthachimadam North		98	2		Farming, fishing
	Kuchcheweli	Jaya Nagar	1	2	97		Fishing (75%), farming (25%)
	Town & Gravets	Uppuvelli	14	84	2		Fishing (50%), farming (25%)

Southern Province

- Pelana South, Weligama is a Sinhalese (100% Sinhalese) Buddhist (99% Buddhist and 1% Christian) fishing community located between the Galle Road and the Sea.
- Hambantota East is on the outskirts of Hambantota town and is divided amongst Muslims and Sinhalese. Generally the Muslims live on former railway lands. About 10 percent of the residents are tenants.

- Koggala is a Sinhalese area where the majority works in manufacturing and tourism by the free trade zone area.
- Dewata is an area with both Muslim and Sinhalese Buddhist residents. About 10 per cent of the residents are tenants. The GND has recently been divided into two. The new GN is not so familiar with the people in the area and their problems.

Eastern Province

Ampara District

- Ninthavur is a Muslim community largely of fishers with a strong preference to stay together as a community.
- Sinna Ullai, Potthuvil is a fishing area of mostly Muslim families (98%) and a few Sinhala families (2%). About 10 percent of the residents are tenants.
- Thambiluvil East, Thirukovil is a relatively low income Tamil Community.
- Sinnamuhathuwaram, Alaydeiwembu is a Tamil (99%) largely Christian low caste village, but with some Sinhalese and Hindu.

Batticaloa District

- Navalady, Manmunai North is a Tamil area consisting largely of fisherman.
- Thiruchendoor, Manmunai North is a Sri Lankan Tamil, Hindu community consisting of fisherman and wage labourers.
- Kalkudah, koralai Pattu is a mixed area consisting of Tamils and Muslims.
- Onthachimadam north, Manmunai south is a Tamil area engaged mostly in agriculture and fishing.

Trincomalee District

- Jaya Nagar is an area of mainly Muslim fishing households (96%) and a few Tamil and Sinhalese households.
- Uppavelli is a rural community consisting of farmers and fisherman. The Alles garden refugee camp is situated inside this community. The majority are Hindus, with some Christians and a small Muslim population.