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Abstract

Fishing industry is an important part in a developing country like Sri Lanka. Nevertheless it faces many problems. Most families are depending on these fishing activities for their income. This Fishing industry gives more employment opportunities for people but after the tsunami disaster this fishing industry severely affected in the coastal areas. Specially this tsunami disaster affected who are living in Manmunai North in Batticaloa District.

In order to identify the Socio-economic problems of these families, this research concerns 10 variables as conceptualization. They are Education, Housing, Health and nutrition, Infrastructure, Marketing, Finance, Income, Technology, Training and Institutional support. The data for this research were obtained by interview managed questionnaire inclusive of the above 10 variables issued randomly to 100 families living in the Manmunai North D S Division.

Manmunai North Divisional secretariat area fishermen's are facing many problems. Socio economic status is backward in this village.

As these fishermen's is low level of education, their socio economic status is in backward position. For instance, their marketing facilities is low level, they are mostly using new technology, they are facing financial backward, health facilities is very low in some areas, lack of infrastructure facilities, this fishermen's get a income low level, institutional support is high level but training facilities is very low. For that reason this area fishing families' socio economics status leads to the unsatisfied level. So Government, Non-Government organization and Private sector provide their service and activities in this areas and also Fisheries societies provide their services in this fishermen living areas.

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