

**ANALYSING SUITABILITY AND  
SUSTAINABILITY OF RAINWATER  
HARVESTING SYSTEM IN SOME TSUNAMI  
AFFECTED AREAS OF AMPARA DISTRICT**



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## Abstract

Water is a very important resource for entire living organisms. The demand for fresh water is increasing every day. In Sri Lanka, districts that are in dry zone have severe drought in dry season and heavy flood in rainfall times. Coastal areas face difficulties in quality of drinking water as seasonal salination due to the seepage. The east coast of Ampara district has limitations in availability of good quality water and Tsunami also creates salinity to the all water sources in coastal villages of this district. One of the way to improve their water availability is rainwater harvesting. Therefore, a study was focused on the acquiring relevant information from the rural community and sustainability of rain water harvesting in Tsunami affected areas of Ampara district. Information was gathered by a household survey using structured questionnaire. Data were analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). It was found that water scarcity mainly depends on the family size. Lack of awareness and space availability were the main reasons for rejecting the rainwater harvesting system. The capacity of existing tanks is insufficient to store rain water to meet the water demands for domestic consumption throughout the year for the families which have more than five members. It was recommended that proper awareness should be developed in area before implementing rainwater harvesting system and the people should be trained about the operation and maintenance of rainwater harvesting after construction.

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