

THE CONTRIBUTION OF NGO'S AFTER TSUNAMI TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN IN THE BATTICALOA DISTRICT

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Women constitute 50% of the total world population. Out of which 65% are workingwomen. They contribute more than 80% to the economy of many countries in the world. In Sri Lanka, women are affected by number of factors, such as, war, displacement and other disasters. In addition social and cultural issues also restrict the development of women. The Tsunami December 2004 worsened this situation in Batticaloa District.

This research aims to find the contribution of NGOs after Tsunami to the Development of Women in the Batticaloa district. Women's self employment projects, Gender awareness projects, Personality and Skill development projects of the NGOs will be studied in this research.

Two hundred samples were randomly selected from Batticaloa district and structured questionnaires and interview were administered to collect primary data and secondary data. This research has a fruitful finding of that the NGOs are mostly contributing to the development of women regard to employment, income and saving, and education. They have significantly contributed in the personality and leadership development. However the gender development, socio economic and legal status to be considered more by NGO's in the Batticaloa district.

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