

# Engagement with the public in framing our research programmes

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Public awareness programme on Disaster Management was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Nintavur, a village in the Eastern province of Sri Lanka, severely affected by tsunami and now constantly under treat to sea erosion.



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There were discussions on services provided by Authorities and Institutes [What are the services provided by the Institutes (ie:DMC) and Authorities (ie: LAs and Secretariats; Citizen Charter (to be precise, method of obtaining the services from specific institute/authority); Feed back on the level of services the community received/receiving]; What is Required to the Province [Specific services that the community feels they need more urgently; Which areas needs to be addressed in order to achieve efficient DM plan] and on How to Engage in DM to become more resilient [Discuss about the methods which community can help to make more resilient and efficient DM plan; Identify the barriers which they face in practical situations].



Photos: section of the public with whom the discussions took place



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