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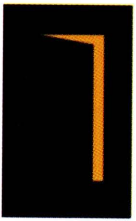
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Post-war development in Kilinochchi District of the Northern Province in Sri Lanka

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Introduction

North development is not merely about the economy and it entails economic, social, political, cultural and even moral aspects. The end of the long civil war in Sri Lanka in 2009 generated widespread expectations of a peace dividend that would enable the country to embark on a development plans in Northern.

Kilinochchi, a region that had experienced pitched battles during the Sri Lanka's civil war, has successfully recovered from the war's destruction and even development further (Fernando et al., 2013). Post conflict development is the significant task of transition from war to peace and economic development. In this process Government has to consider several things including re-establishment of democracy, decentralization, managing the development processes, building government capacities in conflict area, youth development, reintegration, reconciliation, rehabilitation, government policy reforms and liberalization if necessary (Barry, 1991). Post-war reconstruction on a firm political foundation, what is really required is to widen the political space through necessary constitutional and institutional arrangement to include those who feel excluded from the political decision-making process indeed success of post-war rehabilitation and reconciliation and long-term peace and stability will be determined by the progress of the political process.

This research mainly focuses on the post-war development in Kilinochchi District of the Northern Province. In line with that, the study aims to review the progress of development programs and projects in the Kilinochchi District in Sri Lanka and to examine the role of development programs and projects in the present socio-economic status of the district.

Development programs have been tremendously taken place in the research area, Kilinochchi District. In the research area, agriculture is the main occupation of the people. While most of the people are doing paddy cultivation, others are engaged with subsidiary food crop cultivation, Next to agriculture fishing comes in this second place and helps the people for their livelihoods. Also rain fed cultivation is being carried out by the farmers of the research area.