

**ANALYTICAL STUDY ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT TO EMPOWER  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN SRI LANKA:**

**THE EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF SRI LANKA ARMY**

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## ABSTRACT

This study has reviewed the effectiveness of the use of the Sri Lanka Army in disaster management to empower local governments in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has faced several significant natural disasters since ancient times. At present, several significant natural disasters have drawn special attention to disaster management functions. A comprehensive disaster management program was created in 2014 by the Sri Lankan Disaster Management Authority and was introduced in 2018, but as of now in Sri Lanka. Several types of natural disasters have been clearly identified. Such as Flooding in the West and South-West regions of Sri Lanka (this occurs during the South-West Monsoon – May and September), and in the East and Central Provinces from December to February due to the North-East Monsoon. In addition, a large area of Sri Lanka suffers from a severe drought from February to April. In order to manage the natural disasters initially identified in Sri Lanka, the three armed forces and police as well as special disaster management teams have been approved for disaster management in Sri Lanka. There for the primary objective of this study is to identify the factors, which are needed to improve the disaster management system in Sri Lanka through effective employment of the Sri Lankan Army. An in-depth literature review was initially conducted in this study to identify the terminology and existing domestic and international frameworks related to disaster management. Several recent disasters have also been mentioned in these investigations. In addition, a case study was conducted to identify the status of some keys Components of Coastal Community Resilience. Key professionals in the field of disaster risk reduction in Sri Lanka, the leaders of the armed forces and the police were consulted and completed the questionnaire related to this day. In addition, the opinions of other officials related to disaster management and common people who face them have been filed here. In addition, group and board discussions related to disaster management were collected which provide sufficient data for analysis. The research focused towards the variables based on the objective of the study and assigned as expectations of relevant authorities, necessary resource allocation, monitoring and feedback activities, encourage the skilled development as well as Empower disaster management by effective employment of Sri Lanka Army. The researcher has obtained findings of the study as the entire hypothesis, which have been developed, were accepted. The researcher has provided recommendations to the decision makers in terms of the variables of the study such as the disaster management to empower local governments through the effective employment of military will have to be in