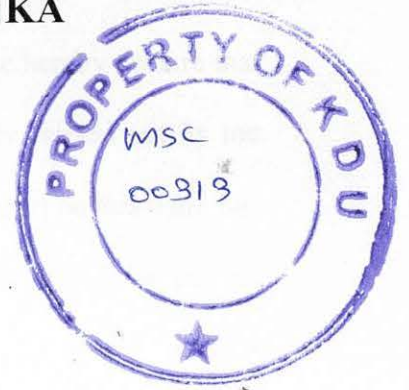


**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION THROUGH SCHOOL
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Abstract

Natural disasters occur every minute and there has been a significant increase in the intensity and frequency of the same around the world in the last few decades. Due to the impacts of the major disasters, a huge number of people's dead and property damages have been reported yearly. Sri Lanka is a developing country that is highly prone to natural disasters such as Floods, Landslides, Lightning, High wind, Drought, and Tsunami. Most of the natural disasters happen on weather-related hazards in the country. As per the previous disaster records of Sri Lanka, it was found that many people were lost, injured, and severe damages to properties. Children are more vulnerable to any disaster. The disasters happened in frequently, affect to children's life and their education in different ways that include physical, mental damages, disruption of the School calendar, damage to school infrastructures. DRR education has been introduced as one of the pillars to save the lives of people and reduce disaster losses, based on several studies that identified positive outcomes. Sri Lanka has a sound education system. However, most of the school children are poor awareness and preparedness for uprising different type of disasters. The purpose of this research study is to find out the and to recommend to suitable steps to reduce the risks of disasters through school based education in Sri Lanka and also to achieve the specific objectives such as identify the disaster risks, existing school curricular on disaster risk reduction, difficulties and challenges in implementing disaster risk reduction in to school education, most effective disaster prevention methods. And also, to investigate how disaster education taking place in the schools through curricular activities raise awareness of and build the capacity of students to prevent and respond appropriately to disasters. Participants of the study were 150 students at 07th to 09th grades in School.