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**Housing as a Critical Component in Community Reconstruction and
Rehabilitation in the Post – War Context with special reference to *Kilinochchi*
District in Northern Province**

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ABSTRACT

In May 2009, more than three decades of war came to an end in Sri Lanka. While the entire country had suffered as a result, districts of North and East have been devastated. Families have been displaced on multiple occasions, often being forced to leave their homes for many years. When people eventually returned, most of their houses had been either badly damaged or completely destroyed. As the majority of the people affected are relatively poor with marginal incomes, with little or no savings, they have been unable to sustain major financial shocks, such as loss of livelihood and housing.

The research location is the Kilinochchi District where the four DS Divisions of the District were fully evacuated in the last phase of the war and high rate of the houses damaged reported and reconstruction of the houses for the war affected people are critical due to many reasons. The research was conducted in four DS divisions to explore as to what factors are the critical components in the Post – War Community Reconstruction and Rehabilitation and the research analysis is focused in two levels known as Institutional level and Community level

Based on the research findings and analysis, recommendations and guidelines are made to plan housing programmes for the war affected people to avoid time for the planning and implementation of the project.