

IMPACT OF DROUGHT ON LIVELIHOOD AND FOOD SECURITY OF FARMERS IN THE DRY ZONE OF SRI LANKA: THE CASE OF VEGETABLE FARMERS IN YODAKANDIY

This case study focuses on the vegetable farmers in Yodakandiya in south Sri Lanka and how droughts affect the livelihood of this farmer community. Severe droughts and shortage of water directly have its impact on the production of food and hence with prolonged dry spell there is an intense impact on the food security. With little or no alternative livelihood options these poor farmers become poorer. This case is a typical example as it is representative of a number of villages in this area and what occurs in a lot of dry zone areas from time to time.

