

Mapping Disability and Women Service Providers in the Districts of Polonnaruwa, Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee

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LOCALE

Districts of Polonnaruwa, Ampara, Batticaloa,
and Trincomalee (Sri Lanka)

OBSERVATIONS/RESULTS

- The study found that both women and PwDs face significant barriers to entry into the tourism sector. On the supply side women are constrained by male biases, gender role stereotypes, family disapproval, and community prejudices, perceptions of working conditions, as well as their own negativities. For PwDs, lack of training, the built environment and access are the biggest constraints to participation. On the demand side prejudices against women and PwDs, the need to incur additional expenditure to provide facilities for PwDs as required by government regulations, perceptions of security for women, and their high turnover are barriers that prevent them from providing opportunities to women and PwDs in the tourism and hospitality sector.