

# 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami - Sri Lanka`s worst natural disaster

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The “Boxing Day Tsunami 2004” was the worst natural disaster recorded in the Sri Lankan history. Sri Lanka is geographically located in a geologically stable zone of the earth’s crust. So disaster of this nature was never expected.

Except the North–Western coastal zone all other coastal zones were badly effected. Nearly 40000 people lost their lives and nearly 300000 peoples were homeless and badly effected.

With a tsunami lead time of over 2 hours from Northern Sumatra to Eastern coast of Sri Lanka and at least 30 minutes from Eastern coast of Sri Lanka to the Western part, why we could not save majority of our people’s life? A proper sensor platform together with a well co-ordinated Disaster Early Warning System is essential to solve these problems.

