



# A New Relative Risk Index for Hospitals Exposed to Tsunami

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The failure of hospitals in recent tsunami have caused extensive social and economic losses. A simple but quantitative approach is required to assess the resilience of healthcare systems to tsunami, which relates not only to hospital building integrity, but also to maintaining hospital functionality. This paper proposes a new tsunami relative risk index (TRRI) that quantifies the impact of tsunami on critical units, (e.g. Intensive Care Unit, Maternity Ward, etc) in individual hospitals, as well as the impact on service provision across a network of hospitals. A survey form is specifically developed for collecting of field data on hospitals for the TRRI evaluation. In its current form TRRI is designed for hospital buildings of reinforced concrete construction, as these are the building types most commonly used worldwide for housing critical units. The TRRI is demonstrated through an application to three hospitals located along the southern coast of Sri Lanka. The TRRI is evaluated for three potential tsunami inundation events and is shown to be able to identify issues with both the building and functional aspects of hospital critical units. Three “what-if” intervention scenarios are presented and their effect on the TRRI is assessed. Through this exercise, it is shown that the TRRI can be used by decision makers to simply explore the effectiveness of individual and combined interventions in improving the tsunami resilience of healthcare provision across the hospital system.

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## INTRODUCTION

Hospitals and healthcare facilities are vital assets to communities and play a key role in recovery from natural disasters. During emergencies, hospital units must provide uninterrupted critical services such as emergency care to the injured, laboratories, blood banks, ambulances, pharmacies and immunization services to prevent outbreaks of diseases (WHO, 2010). In recognition of the critical role played by hospitals in disasters, the Hyogo Framework for Action (UNISDR, 2005) and subsequent Sendai Framework (UNDRR, 2015), have as one priority the achievement of safe and resilient hospitals through structural, non-structural and functional risk prevention. This has resulted in major global initiatives for hospital safety and several guidelines have been issued for the design, assessment and strengthening of hospital buildings for different hazards (FEMA, 1997; FEMA, 2003; FEMA, 2007; PAHO, 2008; WHO, 2015). However, it is only relatively recently that tsunami design codes have been issued, e.g., FEMA 55 (FEMA, 2005), MLIT 2570 (MLIT, 2011), ASCE 7–16 Standard (ASCE, 2017a). These have not been implemented in the design of most healthcare facilities worldwide, and failures of hospitals in recent tsunami have caused extensive

social and economic losses, (e.g. Kirsch et al., 2010; EEFIT, 2011). One means of disaster management for reducing life loss in tsunami is evacuation to sites outside the inundation zone or to upper levels in buildings considered strong enough to withstand the tsunami inundation (e.g. MHNI, 2015). Clearly, the vulnerable nature and reduced mobility of hospital patients makes evacuation difficult. Moreover, evacuation is only viable for locations that have tsunami warning systems in place and which are at a significant distance from the tsunami source.

Despite not being designed for tsunami, most hospitals are built to higher standards than normal residential buildings and present an enhanced resistance to natural hazards that may allow them to withstand small tsunami inundation without structural damage. However, hospital resilience relates not only to hospital building integrity, but also to maintaining hospital functionality. The latter depends heavily on the integrity of both non-structural elements and the lifelines supporting the hospital operation, such as electricity, water and communications. The 2011 Tohoku tsunami presented several examples of hospitals that withstood the tsunami but had compromised functionality and ability to care for patients in the aftermath due to loss of lifelines and back-up systems in the tsunami inundation (EEFIT, 2011, EEFIT, 2013; ASCE, 2017b).

Hospitals can be considered as part of a network of healthcare provision, where only some parts of the network can be relied upon for the provision of any particular healthcare service, (e.g. not all hospitals have a trauma unit). As tsunami can affect large tracts of the coastline, they can damage several hospitals and/or supporting lifelines simultaneously. This not only disrupts the provision of healthcare locally but can result in the loss of particular healthcare services across large parts of the network, (e.g. if all hospitals with trauma units are affected over an extended region). Such scenarios result in affected people having to travel large distances and wait for excessive times to obtain specific treatments.

The inherent organisational complexity of hospitals, and the interactions and interdependencies of healthcare units makes the tsunami risk assessment of hospital services a challenging task. To date, several studies have investigated the performance of individual hospital buildings for different natural hazards using advanced engineering analysis, (e.g. Casarotti et al., 2009; Di Sarno et al., 2011). However, the use of advanced engineering analysis for the risk assessment of several hospitals is prohibitively expensive in terms of human and computational resources, as hospitals are typically composed of several buildings, built at different times and which do not follow a standard design. Furthermore, these studies rarely consider lifelines and back-up systems explicitly. As an alternative, several hospital safety indices (PAHO, 2008; WHO, 2015) and hospital safety checklists (WHO, 2008; WHO, 2010) have been proposed that offer rapid diagnostic tools for use by policy makers and hospital managers. These indices and checklists provide a qualitative estimate of the risk to hospitals from a set of hazards, i.e., natural and man-made hazards. The indicators can be applied to assess either single healthcare facilities or networks of hospitals, and generally account for the potential loss of critical infrastructure

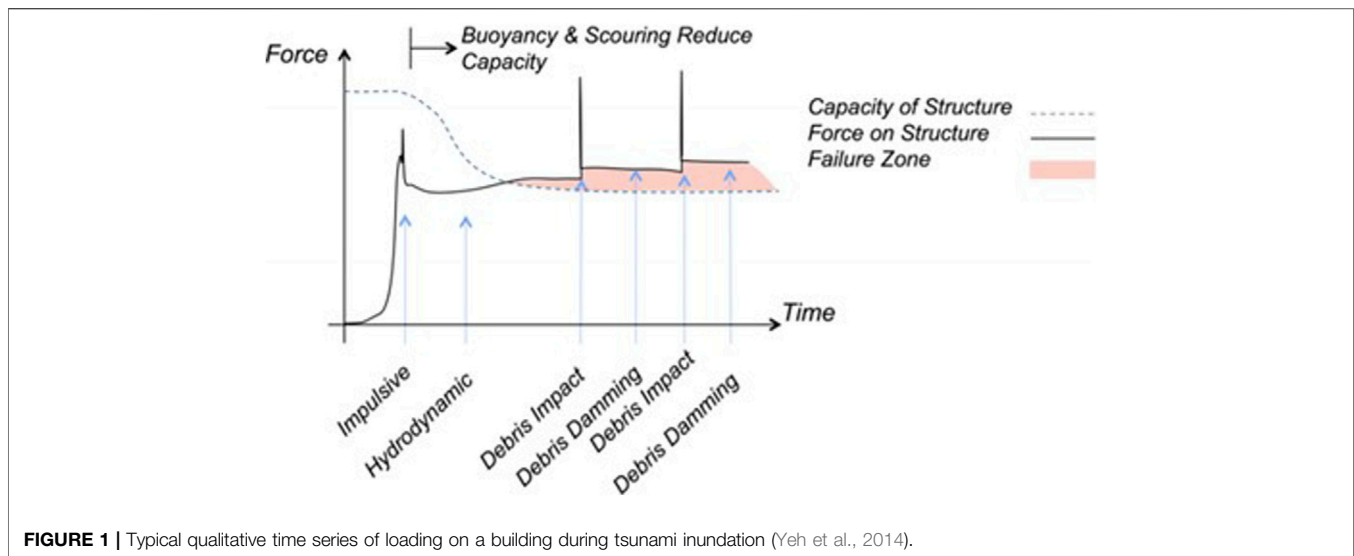
lifelines. These can be used to identify potential problem areas and for the prioritization of interventions to reduce the disaster risk to hospitals. However, these methods present two major shortcomings: 1) lack of quantitative approaches to support the assessment of the relative risk associated with the hospital facilities; and 2) little consideration of the nature of single hazards, (e.g. tsunami) and their interactions and interdependencies when impacting hospital infrastructure.

In order to improve both the safety and resilience of healthcare systems to tsunami, a simple but quantitative approach is required for assessing tsunami risk to healthcare services distributed across networks of hospitals. Such an approach needs to focus on healthcare service continuity, and go beyond hospital building integrity to consider the integrity of the lifelines and back-up systems that support the service provision and hospital functionality. This paper presents a new tsunami relative risk index (*TRRI*) developed to meet this need. Firstly, the components and calculation rationale for the *TRRI* are described. A survey form, specifically developed for collecting of field data on hospitals for the *TRRI* evaluation is also presented in the Appendix. In its current form *TRRI* is developed for hospital buildings of reinforced concrete construction, as these are the building types most commonly used worldwide for housing critical units, (e.g. Intensive Care Units). The *TRRI* is demonstrated through an application to 3 hospitals located along the southern coast of Sri Lanka (Galle, Matara and Hambantota Districts), which were surveyed by a team of researchers from UCL and University of Moratuwa. The *TRRI* is evaluated for three potential tsunami inundation events and is shown to be able to identify issues with both the buildings and functional aspects of hospital critical units. Three “what-if” intervention scenarios are selected and their effect on the *TRRI* is assessed. Through this exercise, it is shown that the *TRRI* can be used by decision makers to simply explore the effectiveness of individual and combined interventions in improving the tsunami resilience of healthcare provision across the hospital system.

Although the absence of numerical structural modeling to support the analysis can be seen as a limitation of this approach, the proposed relative risk index is based on objective engineering principles that are reflected in equations (and not merely expert opinions). The aim of using such an index is to be able to quickly assess a large portfolio of hospital facilities, identifying aspects of the facilities that require further detailed assessment, thus directing potential numerical modeling. For the case-study presented here, the inundation depths for the “what-if” intervention scenarios are based on limited onshore inundation scenarios based on the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami event, rather than on probabilistic data, since the latter is not available for Sri Lanka. Nevertheless, these scenarios give insight into the relative effectiveness of various mitigation measures that can be adopted by hospital administrators.

## METHODOLOGY

The proposed Tsunami Relative Risk Index (*TRRI*) aims to quantify the influence of the tsunami inundation on critical



units, (e.g. Intensive Care Unit, Maternity Ward, etc) in individual hospitals, as well as the impact on service provision across a network of hospitals. The objective is to identify some of the drivers of risk to the hospital unit functionality, such that these can be prioritized for further investigation and intervention.

The proposed *TRRI* considers both the structural and functional attributes of hospital critical units, e.g., Intensity Care Unit, Maternity Ward, etc. The ability of a hospital critical unit to function in the aftermath of a tsunami depends on: 1) the stability of the structure where the hospital critical unit is located; 2) the integrity of non-structural elements relevant to the critical units, particularly the medical equipment that is required to ensure unit functionality; and 3) the functioning of the critical lifeline systems supporting unit functionality e.g., electric power, water supply, telecommunications, etc. Therefore, the proposed *TRRI*, for a hospital unit is defined as:

$$TRRI = \max(RRI_{\text{bdg}}, RRI_{\text{funct}}, RRI_{\text{bcs}}), \quad (1)$$

where  $RRI_{\text{bdg}}$  considers the ability of the structural system to resist expected tsunami actions,  $RRI_{\text{funct}}$  represents whether the location of the critical unit within the building puts it at high risk of loss of functionality under the expected tsunami inundation, and  $RRI_{\text{bcs}}$  describes the risk of back-up critical systems to supporting lifelines being inundated. Each *RRI* component varies in value between 0 (no risk) and 1 (high risk). Each of these *RRI* components are further described in the following sections.

### Building Relative Risk Index, $RRI_{\text{bdg}}$

Post-tsunami reconnaissance studies provide a spectrum of tsunami-induced damage mechanisms in buildings, that result from the actions of hydrodynamic forces, buoyancy, impact from floating debris and foundation scouring (EEFIT, 2006). **Figure 1** shows a typical load time series as a tsunami passes a building. Initially, as the front of the tsunami arrives and passes the building, there will be a sharp rise in force, which will then

plateau and be maintained for several minutes, depending on the period of the wave and the proximity of the building to the shoreline. During this phase, there may be several short sharp spikes in loading from debris impacting with the building. The capacity of the building to withstand the tsunami loading will decrease during the course of inundation due to buoyancy forces reducing axial compression in vertical elements (Del Zoppo et al., 2020), and due to scour undermining the foundations. The impact of scour around the building can also have a considerable impact on the structural capacity of the building, by exposing the foundations and potentially leading to local collapse of vertical structural elements when local inundation levels increase, or under the return flow of the tsunami toward the sea.

The relative risk index associated with the integrity of the hospital building, indicated as  $RRI_{\text{bdg}}$ , looks to evaluate, in a simple way, the performance of a building subjected to the three main tsunami loading components, i.e., hydrodynamic loading, scouring and debris impact, as follows:

$$RRI_{\text{bdg}} = \max(RRI_{\text{struct}}, RRI_{\text{scour}}, RRI_{\text{debris}}), \quad (2)$$

where  $RRI_{\text{struct}}$  represents the ability of the structural system to resist the overall tsunami hydrodynamic force (including debris damming),  $RRI_{\text{scour}}$  represents the ability of the building foundation system to resist scouring for the expected inundation, and  $RRI_{\text{debris}}$  represents the capacity and redundancy of the structure to resist debris impact from removable objects located within the hospital facility and in the surrounding areas. It is noted that each *RRI* component of  $RRI_{\text{bdg}}$  takes values between 0 (no risk) and 1 (high risk).

A main difference between  $RRI_{\text{bdg}}$  and other established tsunami building vulnerability indices for tsunami, is that  $RRI_{\text{bdg}}$  is based on a simplified assessment of the building failure and damage mechanisms, evaluated using physics and engineering based formulations. This is significantly different from, for example, the well-established PTVA relative

vulnerability index of Papathoma and Dominey-Howes. (2003) and Dall'Osso et al. (2016), which is constructed from a set of characteristics of the building that are thought to affect its tsunami resistance, combined through a weighting based on expert judgment.

### Index for Structural Performance Under Hydrodynamic Loading $RRI_{struct}$

Tsunami hydrodynamic forces typically impact the lower floors of a building and generate large shear forces on the vertical elements of the structure, (i.e. the columns). Recent studies, (e.g. Alam et al., 2017; Petrone et al., 2017), have shown that in reinforced concrete (RC) structures this can lead to shear failure of columns at the ground storey, which precipitates global collapse if no strengthening measures are adopted. This failure mechanism is assumed in the development of the relative risk index for evaluating structural performance under hydrodynamic loading,  $RRI_{struct}$ , which is evaluated from a comparison between the overall lateral hydrodynamic force applied to the structure by the tsunami  $F_{TSU}$  and the shear strength of the ground floor columns  $Q_C$  as follows:

$$RRI_{struct} = \frac{F_{TSU}}{Q_C}. \quad (3)$$

The tsunami load on a structure  $F_{TSU}$  is estimated using the hydrodynamic drag equation in the ASCE 7-16 Standard (ASCE, 2017a), as:

$$F_{TSU} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_s C_d C_{cx} B (h_{TSU} u_{TSU}^2), \quad (4)$$

where  $\rho_s$  is the minimum fluid mass density,  $C_d$  is the drag coefficient,  $B$  is the building width perpendicular to the flow,  $h_{TSU}$  is the tsunami inundation depth,  $u_{TSU}$  is the tsunami flow velocity, and  $C_{cx}$  is the proportion of closure coefficient, (i.e. ratio of the closed facade to the total façade area), with a minimum value of 0.7, adopted in this study. The drag coefficient  $C_d$  varies based on the  $B/h$  ratio (ASCE, 2017a). The shear strength of the ground floor columns  $Q_C$  is estimated as the sum of the nominal design shear strength of the ground floor columns,  $Q_{CS}$ , as follows:

$$Q_C = N_{SC} * Q_{SC}, \quad (5)$$

where  $N_{SC}$  indicates the number of columns along the side of the building perpendicular to the tsunami flow. As this study focuses on RC structures,  $Q_{CS}$  is calculated for each column according to the formulae of ACI 318 (ACI, 2005) as follows:

$$Q_{CS} = \phi V_n = \phi (V_c + V_s), \quad (6)$$

$$V_c = 0.17 \sqrt{f'_c} b_w d, \quad (7)$$

$$V_s = \frac{A_v f_{yt} d}{s}, \quad (8)$$

where  $V_n$  is the nominal shear strength,  $\phi$  is the strength reduction factor,  $V_c$  and  $V_s$  are the concrete and transverse reinforcement components of shear strength,  $f'_c$  is the compressive strength of concrete,  $b_w$  is the section width,  $d$  is

the effective depth,  $A_v$  is the area of transverse reinforcement,  $f_{yt}$  is the transverse reinforcement yield strength, and  $s$  is the hoop spacing.

### Index for Structural Stability Under Scour, $RRI_{scour}$

In the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami in Sri Lanka, one of the main damage mechanisms observed for multi-story building was the undermining of foundations due to the scouring of sandy soils at the corners of buildings (Dias et al., 2006). This occurred for relatively low tsunami inundation depths, (i.e. 3 m) and resulted in the collapse of end bays of several RC buildings, such as schools. Such failure mechanisms have also been observed in several past events, with RC buildings composed of few frames and with shallow foundations being seen to be the most susceptible to this failure type (EEFIT, 2006; EEFIT, 2011; ASCE, 2017b).

Tsunami design guidelines (ASCE, 2017a) assume that foundations on rock or other non-erodible materials are at no risk of scour. For other types of soil, the scour depth  $d_{scour}$  is related to the tsunami inundation depth  $h_{TSU}$ , and is estimated from:

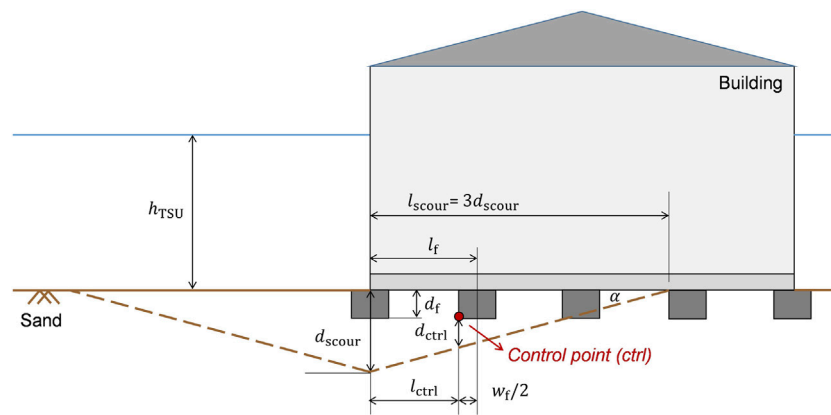
$$d_{scour} = \begin{cases} 1.2 * h_{TSU}; & h_{TSU} < 3.05 \text{ m}, \\ 3.66 \text{ m}; & h_{TSU} \geq 3.05 \text{ m}. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Equation 9 provides a simple empirical prediction based on observations of local scour depths and estimated flow depths for different sediment types in the aftermath of the 2011 Tohoku tsunami (Tonkin et al., 2014). In ASCE 7-16 the extent (length) of the scour hole around corner foundations  $l_{scour}$  (see Figure 2) is dependent on the soil type and is calculated as follows:

$$l_{scour} = \begin{cases} d_{scour}, & \text{for cohesive soils,} \\ 3d_{scour}, & \text{for noncohesive soils.} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

This approach requires soils to be classified as cohesive or non-cohesive. No indication is however provided in the ASCE 7-16 Standard or accompanying commentary, as to the procedure to be followed for this classification. For the  $RRI_{scour}$  it is proposed that a simple soil analysis, (i.e. particle size distribution analysis through sieving) be used as the basis for the classification, whereby: 1) *Non-cohesive or granular soils*, (e.g. gravels and sands), defined as those with less than 50% of fines content as per ASTM D2487-17 (USCS)—if the fines content is higher than 12% and less than 50%, then the soil is coarse grained though controlled by the fine soil nature, i.e., non-cohesive; 12% fines content is usually considered as a reference percentage below which soils are defined as purely granular; 2) *Cohesive soils*, (e.g. silts and clays), defined as those with more than 50% of fines content. If soil analysis data at the building site are not available, simple assumptions should be made to classify the soils based on local knowledge.

The calculation of  $d_{scour}$  and  $l_{scour}$  is instrumental for predicting how many of the building foundations are affected by scour and the corresponding loss of bearing capacity. The tsunami resistance of the foundations depends on the type of foundation, i.e., deep or shallow foundations, and the number of foundation elements affected. Empirical observations from past events indicate that deep pile foundations generally provide



**FIGURE 2** | Example sketch illustrating the effects around building with shallow foundations on noncohesive soils and the calculations for the second footing from the left corner.

adequate tsunami resistance, while buildings with shallow spread footings are likely to experience failure, especially at the building corners. Hence, in the development of *TRRI* a focus is placed on characterizing the impact of scour on shallow foundations. An approximate but quantitative procedure is proposed for calculating  $RRI_{scour}$  based on geotechnical engineering practice and is illustrated by the flowchart in **Figure 3**.

For simple pad foundations, the overall design load-bearing capacity of the system can be estimated by multiplying the ultimate bearing capacity of individual pad foundations  $q_f$  by the number of footings  $n_f$ :

$$Q_f = n_f * q_f = SF_d * W, \tag{11}$$

where  $W$  is the weight of the building plus loads and  $SF_d$  is the design safety factor. Typically, a large safety factor  $SF_d$  is adopted foundation design in order to account for the uncertainty related to the soil properties and behavior. For example, a common safety factor for shallow foundations is  $SF_d = 2$ . Using **Eq. 11**, the design load-bearing capacity of a pad foundation normalized to the building weight,  $q_f/W$ , can be estimated as:

$$\frac{q_f}{W} = \frac{SF_d}{n_f}, \tag{12}$$

when  $d_{scour}$  is larger than the foundation depth  $d_f$ , the foundations need to be checked for loss of bearing capacity. In this paper a minimum depth  $d_f$  of 1 m is considered for shallow foundations. Depending on the extent of the local scour  $l_{scour}$  along both sides of the building ( $x$  and  $y$  directions), a number of foundation supports  $n_{f,scour}$  might be affected. Foundation pads are assumed to be placed at a distance  $l_f$ , which corresponds to the bay length. The depth  $d_{scour}$  is assumed to occur at the corner of the building. As shown in **Figure 2**, half of the scour hole length ( $l_{scour}$ ) is assumed to extend from the point of maximum scour depth (in the corner). Due to the formulations used, the larger the value of  $d_{scour}$ , the larger the value of  $l_{scour}$  and greater the number of affected footings  $n_{f,scour}$ . A foundation is assumed to fail if, at the pad edges, the relevant scour hole depth equals or exceeds that of the foundation. This assumption considers the load bearing

capacity of the soil beneath the foundation, (which is spreading the foundation loading outwards and downwards), to be compromised.

When subjected to scour, the load-bearing capacity of the foundation system is reduced and is estimated as that deriving solely from those foundations that have not been affected by scour, i.e.,:

$$(n_f - n_{f,scour}) * q_f = SF_{scour} * W. \tag{13}$$

In **Eq. 13**,  $SF_{scour}$  is the reduced design safety factor that accounts for the effects of local scour around the foundations, and can be determined as follows:

$$SF_{scour} = \frac{(n_f - n_{f,scour}) * q_f}{W} \rightarrow \frac{SF_{scour}}{SF_d} = \frac{n_f - n_{f,scour}}{n_f}. \tag{14}$$

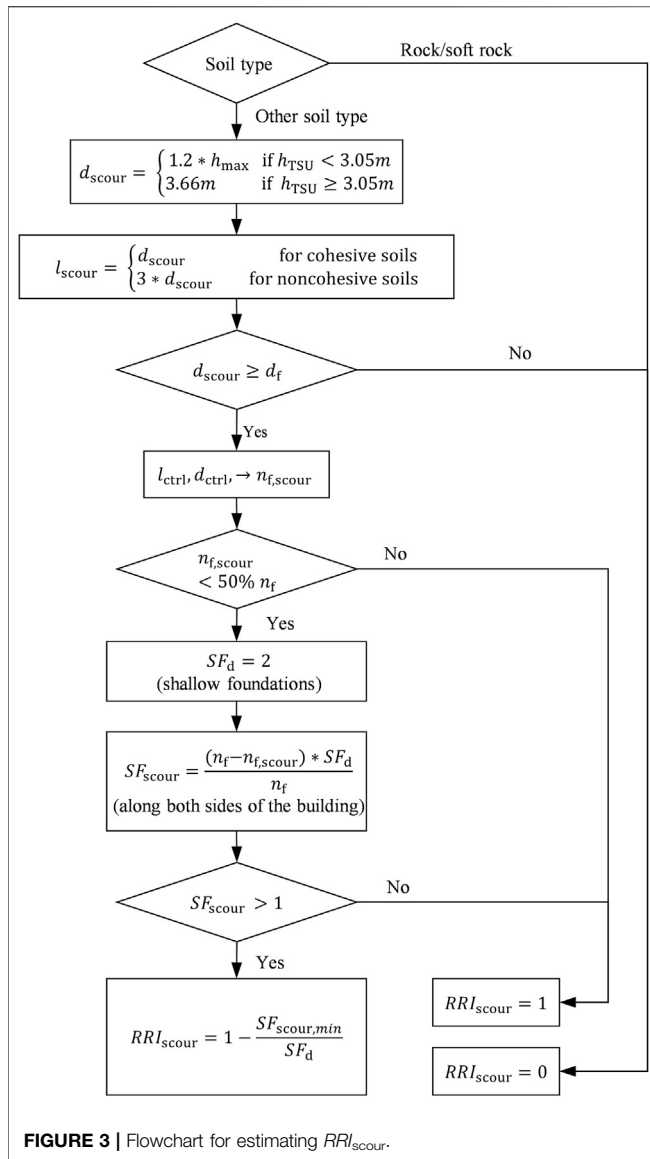
Having evaluated the reduced design safety factor,  $RRI_{scour}$  can be determined following the flowchart presented in **Figure 3**, and from **Eq. 15**:

$$RRI_{scour} = \begin{cases} 1; & SF_{scour, min} \leq 1, \\ 1 - \frac{SF_{scour, min}}{SF_d}; & SF_{scour, min} > 1. \end{cases} \tag{15}$$

where  $SF_{scour, min}$  is the minimum value of  $SF_{scour}$  along both sides of the building. For  $SF_{scour} \leq 1$ , the foundations are unlikely to be able to carry the gravity loads, i.e.,  $RRI_{scour} = 1$ . This means that when the number of affected foundation supports,  $n_{f,scour}$ , along any side of the building is equal or greater than 50% of the total number of foundation supports  $n_f$  along that side of the building, the foundation system is considered at risk of failure, i.e.,  $RRI_{scour} = 1$ .

### Index for the Capacity and Redundancy of the Structure to Resist Debris Impact, $RRI_{debris}$

Generally, tsunamis transport a large volume of debris, including trees, cars, containers, utility poles and wood-frame houses. The perimeter structural components that are oriented perpendicular to the direction of the flow are at the greatest risk of impact. For



instance, the loss of a perimeter column may compromise the ability of a structure to support gravity loads. The ASCE 7–16 Standard (ASCE, 2017a) provides a framework for the calculation of the impact forces determined by debris. This includes the effects of the impact by floating wood poles, logs and vehicles, which should be taken into account when tsunami depths are larger than 0.9 m.  $RRI_{debris}$  is presented in this paper for the common case where debris consists mainly of logs (or similar). However, by changing the debris impact loads,  $RRI_{debris}$  can be modified to account for potential impacts from shipping containers, ships, barges and other large objects. Such sized debris should be considered if the hospital is in close proximity to a port or container yard.

In the  $RRI_{debris}$  evaluation, the maximum instantaneous debris impact force ( $F_{ni}$ ) is first calculated using the impulse-momentum based formulation in the ASCE 7–16 Standard:

$$F_{ni} = C_0 u_{TSU} \sqrt{k m_d}, \quad (16)$$

where  $C_0$  is the orientation coefficient (given as 0.65 by ASCE 7–16),  $u_{TSU}$  is the maximum tsunami flow velocity at the building site.  $k$  is the effective stiffness of the impacting debris and  $m_d$  is the mass of the debris. A minimum weight of 454 kg and minimum log stiffness of 61,300 kN/m are nominal values assumed in the ASCE 7–16 Standard.

The debris impact of a log is a dynamic event. However, an equivalent static approach can be used by multiplying the debris force in Eq. 17 by a dynamic response factor  $R_{max}$ . The latter can be estimated based on the ratio of the impact duration to natural period of the impacted structural element. The impulse duration  $t_d$  is given in ASCE 7–16 as follows:

$$t_d = \frac{2m_d u_{TSU}}{F_{ni}}. \quad (17)$$

Considering an exterior column of a RC building, the natural period of the column ( $T_{col}$ ) can be estimated assuming fixed end boundary conditions:

$$T_{col} = 2\pi \left[ \frac{L^2}{22.373} \right] \sqrt{\frac{\rho}{EI}}, \quad (18)$$

where  $L$  is the unbraced column length,  $\rho$  is the column mass per unit length,  $E$  is the modulus of elasticity of concrete and  $I$  is the second moment of area of the column section (Robertson, 2020). ASCE 7–16 Table 6.11-1 gives the values of the dynamic response factor  $R_{max}$  based on the ratio  $t_d/T_{col}$ . The equivalent static load for debris impact  $F_i$  is calculated as:

$$F_i = R_{max} F_{ni}. \quad (19)$$

The force given by Eq. 19 should not exceed the force from the alternative simplified impact load  $F_{i,max}$ , given in ASCE 7–16 Standard as:

$$F_{i,max} = 1,470 * C_0, \quad (20)$$

where  $C_0$  is the orientation coefficient, taken as 0.65 (ASCE, 2017a). Furthermore, the value obtained in Eq. 20 can be reduced by 50%, (i.e. 478 kN), if the site is not exposed to impact by containers, ships and barges. Therefore the debris impact force  $F_{debris}$  is estimated as:

$$F_{debris} = \min(F_i, F_{i,max}). \quad (21)$$

If  $F_{debris}$  exceeds the shear strength of the considered column,  $Q_{SC}$ , (calculated using Eq. 6), then the structural system is at risk of local collapse and potential loss of stability, i.e.,  $RRI_{debris} > 0$ .

The redundancy present in the structure can be beneficial to the stability of the building. In the context of RC structures,  $RRI_{debris}$  is calculated by taking the ratio between the number of impacted columns over the total number of columns present in the seaward side of the building. As the number of impacted columns cannot be predicted, it is assumed that two vertical columns (probably the corner columns) located within the seaward face of the building might fail due to debris impact. This assumption is based on observations that debris impact can be particularly common and severe for exposed corner columns

**TABLE 1** | Fac-simile of the paired comparison questionnaire.

Which system is more critical in case of a tsunami?	System 1	System 2	System 3	...	System n
System 1		R	C	=	
System 2					
System 3					
...					
System n					

of frames (EEFIT, 2006). Therefore,  $RRI_{debris}$  is calculated as follows:

$$RRI_{debris} = \frac{2}{N_{SC}} \tag{22}$$

### Index Representing Risk to Critical Unit Functionality, $RRI_{funct}$

$RRI_{funct}$  looks to represent the risk to continued function of a critical unit after a tsunami. The index is based on the location of the critical unit within the hospital complex with respect to the tsunami inundation. It is assumed that if the critical unit is inundated, the resulting damage to non-structural elements and medical equipment may prevent the unit from being fully operational in the aftermath of the event.  $RRI_{funct}$  is therefore binary, taking a value of zero if the critical unit lies outside the inundation zone or is located in a storey of the building above the local inundation depth, or 1 otherwise.

### Index Representing Tsunami Risk to Lifeline Back-Up Systems, $RRI_{bcs}$

The loss of essential lifelines such as power, water, wastewater, natural gas, can severely limit the functionality of hospitals and their critical units. For instance, one of the case-study hospitals presented later in the report, i.e., the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, suffered the failure of backup generator, water supply and sewer systems when it was inundated during the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami (Harlan, 2016).

From PAHO (2008) and WHO (2015) it is possible to identify eight main lifeline systems that are required to ensure the functionality of hospital critical units: Power (P), Air conditioning (HVAC), Telecommunications (TLC), Water Supply (WS), Fire Protection (FP), Waste Water (WW), Medical Gas (MG) and Fuel and Gas reserves (FG). Where national or regional lifelines are compromised, as can be the case in a large tsunami, the presence of back-up systems can provide immediate continuity in the aftermath of a disaster, for a few hours or even days. Hence, the proposed index  $RRI_{bcs}$  considers whether the back-up systems to lifelines needed for the functioning of critical units are 1) located within the

hospital premises and 2) whether they are likely to be damaged under the expected inundation, as follows:

$$RRI_{bcs} = \frac{P w_P + HVAC w_{HVAC} + TLC w_{TLC} + WS w_{WS} + FP w_{FP} + WW w_{WW} + MG w_{MG} + FG w_{FG}}{w_P + w_{HVAC} + w_{TLC} + w_{WS} + w_{FP} + w_{WW} + w_{MG} + w_{FG}} \tag{23}$$

where  $P$ ,  $HVAC$ , etc. are the critical back-up systems and  $w_p$ ,  $w_{HVAC}$ , etc. are the corresponding weights. As for the case of the critical unit functionality, the back-up systems are assumed non-functional if inundated by the tsunami. Hence,  $P$ ,  $HVAC$ , etc., take a value of zero if the relevant back up system is located outside the inundation zone or is in a storey of the building above the local inundation depth, or 1 otherwise. An appropriate evaluation of the back-up system risk requires an understanding of these systems within the local context, and visual surveys play a key role in this. For example, in many hospital complexes the main HVAC systems may be complex mechanical systems with significant plant located within a hospital building, or housed in their own building. Alternatively, the HVAC system can be a distributed system across the hospital, as is seen in hospitals in Sri Lanka, where ventilation and air-conditioning equipment are distributed along the exterior walls of the hospital buildings and localized in each unit.

Evaluation of the back-up system weights also accounts for the local context. The weights are determined by from a ranking of the back-up systems in order of importance for the continued functioning of the critical unit being assessed. This ranking is determined from a structured expert elicitation technique termed *paired comparison*. The paired comparison method is well established, and although simple, it is reproducible, accountable and neutral. In this method, participants are invited to complete a ranking exercise individually without being influenced by an in-depth prior discussion of how critical each back-up system is. Participants are invited to compare every two back-up systems (one in a row and another in the column in the table) and using their judgment to identify which is the more important for the continued functioning of critical hospital units. If they believe the system in the row is more important than the one in the column, they enter “R” in the relevant box. If they believe the contrary is true then “C” is entered into the box. Else if they believe both the back-up systems are of equal importance, “ = ” is entered into the relevant box (Table 1).

The participants’ opinions are treated with equal weights. Only the participants who are found to provide very inconsistent responses, such that they appear statistically random are excluded, (i.e. consistent answers are those for which if  $A > B$  and  $B > C$  then  $A > C$  is true). The paired comparison responses are then analyzed using the probabilistic inversion technique, as described in Kraan and Bedford (2005) and implemented in the free-software “UNIBALANCE” (Macutkiewicz and Cooke, 2006). This produces a mean score for each back-up system as well as the standard deviation around this mean score, which represents the level of disagreement within the expert group. These mean scores are adopted as the weights for the different back-up systems in the  $RRI_{bcs}$  calculation.

The level of agreement among the participants is examined in three different ways. Firstly, the degree of agreement is estimated by measuring how closely the pattern of the participants pairwise preferences match. Secondly, the degree of concordance is examined by measuring how similar the rank orders are among the group of participants. Thirdly, a chi-square test is used to check whether the group ranking preferences are made at random. Here,  $p$ -values below 0.05 indicate that the group ranking preferences have a structure and are not random. By contrast,  $p$ -values above 0.05 suggest a lack of consensus within the group regarding the ranking preferences.

## TRRI RAPID VISUAL SURVEY (RVS) FORM

The *TRRI Rapid Visual Survey (TRRI-RVS)* form is developed to assist surveyors in assessing existing health facilities in terms of the integrity of hospital buildings, lifelines and back-up systems that support the service provision and hospital functionality. The *TRRI-RVS* form is presented in the Appendix (see **Supplementary Material**). The Rapid Visual Survey consists of two sections:

- 1) *Hospital Profile ("Form H")*. Through this form, surveyors collect general information about 1) the hospital location; 2) hospital type and hospital capacity, e.g., catchment population; 3) tsunami evacuation plans and disaster response plans; 4) hospital building locations within the healthcare facility; 5) location of critical hospital units within buildings, e.g., ICU, Labor Rooms, Maternity Wards, Pediatric Wards, Operating Theaters; and 6) presence and location of back-up supply systems.
- 2) *Building Structural and Non-Structural Assessment ("Form B")*. Through this form, surveyors gather information about: 1) the hospital building, e.g., number of storeys, year of construction, inter-storey height, and location of critical units; 2) the building surroundings, e.g., presence of containers, perimeter walls and vegetation; 3) building layout and elevation; 4) structural and non-structural systems; 5) The dimensions and structural details of the main structural elements, e.g., RC columns. The technical information is gathered using equipment such as rebar detector, laser distance meter, tape measure, and 3D cameras.

The *TRRI-RVS* form is specifically developed for collecting the attributes of hospital surroundings, buildings, critical units, lifeline and back-up systems required to evaluate *TRRI*. This form is used in the survey of Sri Lankan hospitals used to test the *TRRI* in this paper.

## CASE-STUDY APPLICATION: HOSPITALS IN SRI LANKA SOUTHERN PROVINCE

Sri Lanka provides universal healthcare to its people through an established and robust healthcare system. Thanks to this, no

major disease outbreaks occurred after the 2004 tsunami (Carballo et al., 2005), which hit two-thirds of the coastline affecting one million people. However, over 17% of all healthcare institutions were severely damaged, causing an estimated £40 M worth of losses (Komesaroff and Sundram, 2006). Over the last 15 years some of the affected health infrastructure of Sri Lanka has been re-built further inland, but some significant hospitals still lie within 2–3 km from the coast and are at potential threat from tsunami inundation. The Sri Lankan Ministry of Health (MoH) in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) has been working to strengthen the health sector for emergencies, through the development of a comprehensive national disaster management plan (WHO, 2015). However, this plan comprises capacity building in emergency management and health financing, and does not yet look at the structural, non-structural and functional performance of hospitals in natural hazards. Furthermore, as Sri Lanka is threatened by distal tsunami generated either at the Sunda trench or Makran Subduction zone, the main disaster management approach considered to date is the evacuation of hospitals (DPRD, 2015).

In this case study application, three hospitals in Galle, Matara and Hambantota Districts in Sri Lanka are selected for testing whether the *TRRI* can be used to 1) identify weaknesses in the systems supporting the functionality of critical units in individual hospitals, and 2) as a tool for use in prioritizing interventions for improved functional resilience across a series of hospitals.

The three hospitals selected are the District General Hospital (DGH) in Matara and the base Hospitals (BH) in Balapitiya and Tangalle. These are chosen as they are key hospitals for the Southern Province, geographically distributed across the Province (**Figure 4**) and all located within 400 m from the coast (base Hospitals) or a little further (approx. 600 m) but near a waterway that discharges into the sea (DGH Matara). The case study application focuses on the five critical units that were indicated as the most important in the case of a disaster by the Disaster Preparedness and Response Division (DPRD) of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine. These are: 1) Intensive Care Units (ICU); 2) Operating Theaters (OT); 3) Labor Rooms (LR); 4) Maternity Wards (MW); and 5) Pediatric Wards (PW). In the three hospitals, 19 buildings were found to house these critical units, and were surveyed by a joint team from UCL and University of Moratuwa in April 2019 using the form described in *TRRI Rapid Visual Survey (RVS) Form*.

Thirteen of the buildings are reinforced concrete moment resisting frame structures of 2–4 storeys. These house 85% of all the critical units in these three hospitals. The remaining six buildings are one-storey load-bearing unreinforced masonry (URM) structures (**Figure 5**). These structures are highly vulnerable to tsunami and would not be expected to be in an operational state following tsunami inundation. Hence, this assessment concentrates on the assessment of the 22 critical units housed in the RC buildings. The survey of these buildings highlighted that most of the critical units are located at the ground floor and are therefore at high risk from damage if the tsunami inundation reaches the building. The soil type at each



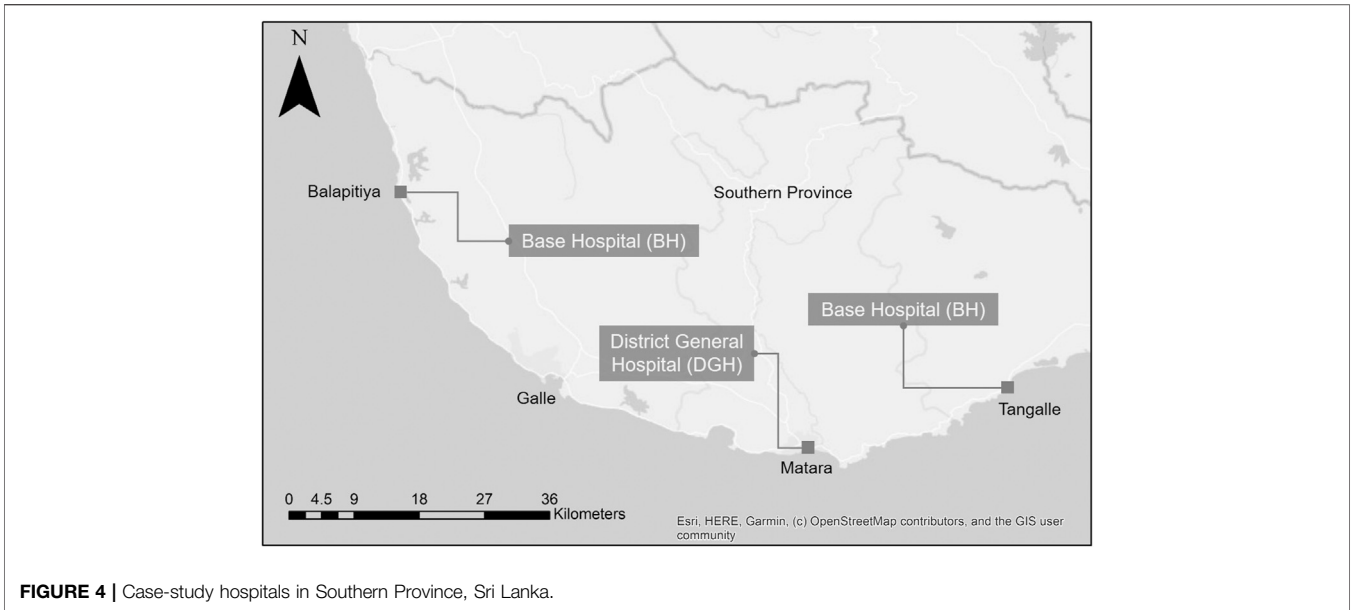


FIGURE 4 | Case-study hospitals in Southern Province, Sri Lanka.

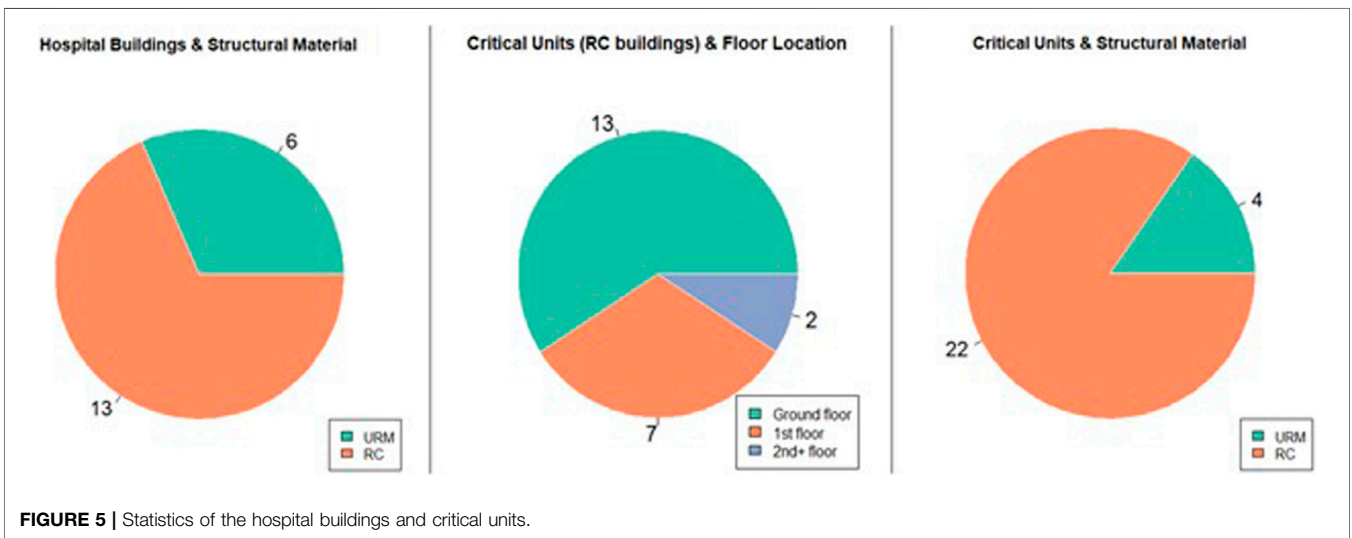


FIGURE 5 | Statistics of the hospital buildings and critical units.

hospital is determined as non-cohesive from observational and borehole data analysis. Hence all buildings are susceptible to scour in this case study application. None of the buildings assessed were located near ports and harbors, and are therefore not exposed to impact from containers, ships or barges. Consequently, the assumption of logs as debris is appropriate for this case study.

The surveys showed the HVAC to be a local system of air conditioning units attached to the walls of critical units. Hence, they will continue to function if the critical unit is not inundated. The location of TLC systems is assumed to be in the hospital administrative offices. This is because Hospital Directors and administrative staff typically have access to the emergency systems for communicating with the national and district-level

healthcare networks. Where back-up systems were not recorded during the field survey it is assumed they are missing. As this is detrimental to functional resilience, these back-up systems are still included in the calculation of  $RRI_{bcs}$  and contribute to increasing its value. For example, no fire alarms, extinguishers or other fire protection systems were observed in any of the assessed buildings, hence a value of  $FP = 1$  is applied for all buildings within the  $RRI_{bcs}$  calculation.

### Hazard Scenarios

A probabilistic tsunami hazard analysis for the Indian Ocean by (Burbidge et al., 2009) shows that tsunami wave heights along the Sri Lankan coast could reach between 2.9–3.7 m for a return period of 2000 years, with the south-east coast being associated

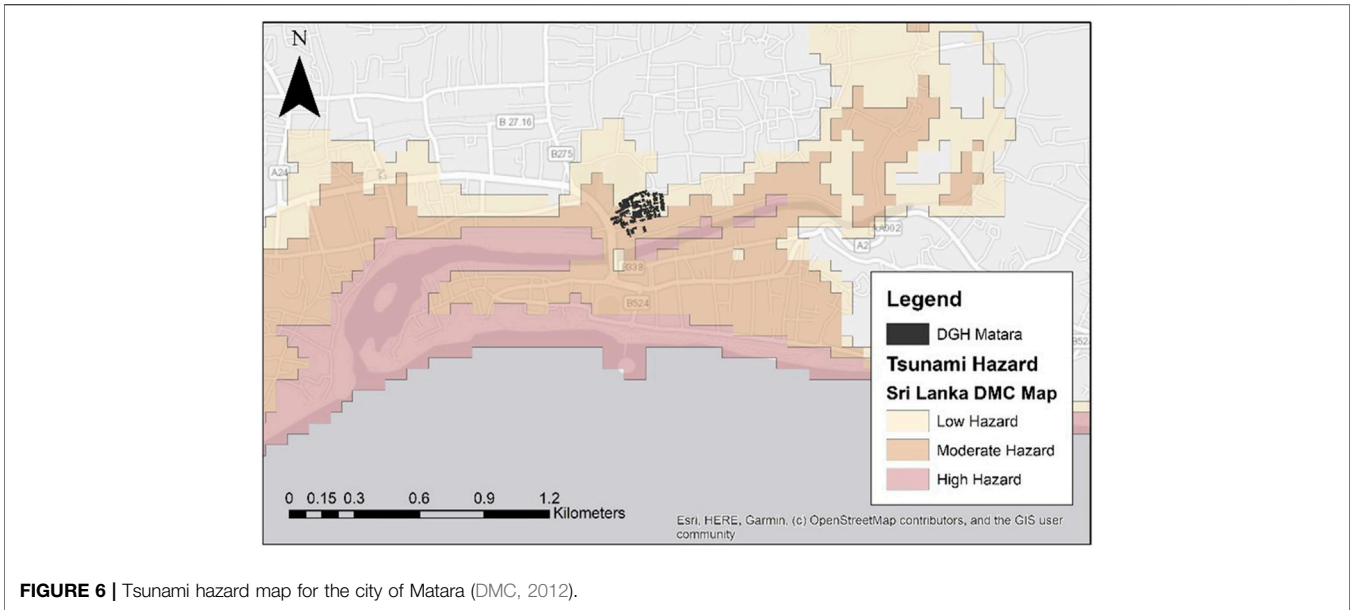


FIGURE 6 | Tsunami hazard map for the city of Matara (DMC, 2012).

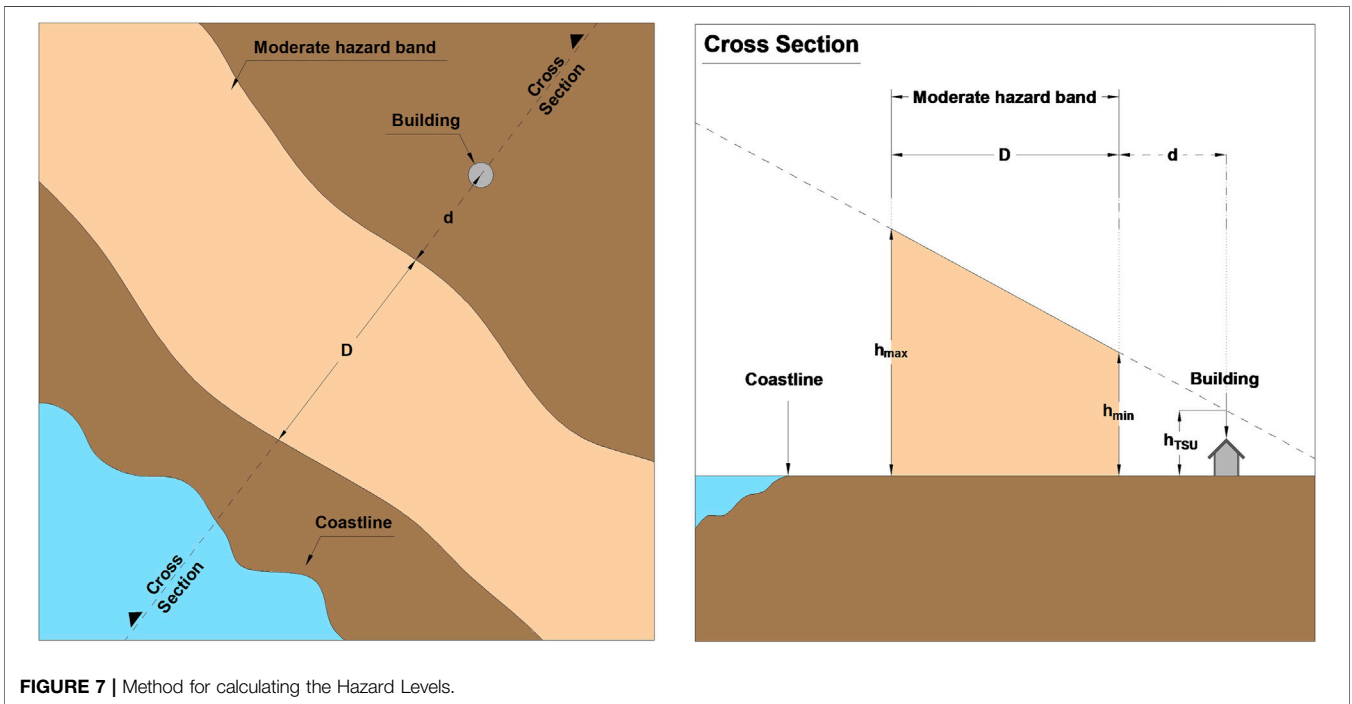


FIGURE 7 | Method for calculating the Hazard Levels.

with the highest hazard. However, this study does not provide the associated probabilistic tsunami onshore inundation depths (that would typically exceed the above) which would be what is required for the TRRI assessment.

A tsunami hazard map for Sri Lanka with associated inundation information was published by the Disaster Management Center (DMC, 2012), part of the Ministry of Public Administration and Disaster Management. This map is however not based on a probabilistic tsunami hazard

assessment, but on deterministic inundations predicted by a numerical simulation of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami by (Wijetunge, 2009). The DMC map identifies three distinct tsunami hazard zones along the Sri Lankan coast: 1) low hazard, where the inundation depth,  $h_{TSU} < 0.5$  m, 2) moderate hazard, where  $0.5 \text{ m} < h_{TSU} < 2$  m, and 3) high hazard, where  $h_{TSU} > 2$  m. **Figure 6** illustrates the tsunami hazard map for the city of Matara, where DGH Matara is located.

**TABLE 2 |** Hazard data for the surveyed hospital buildings.

Hospital	Building Id	Total no. of storeys	Critical unit	$h_{TSU}$ (m)		
				Hazard level 1	Hazard level 2	Hazard level 3
Balapitiya	B7	4	ICU (x2)	0.00	0.00	1.37
	B6	3	LR	0.00	0.00	1.13
	B9	1	OT	0.00	0.00	1.05
	B10	3	ICU, OT	0.00	0.00	1.08
	B11	2	ICU, MW	0.00	0.00	1.18
Matara	M1	3	ICU (x2)	0.57	2.08	3.58
	M12	3	OT	0.43	1.93	3.43
	M15	3	ICU	0.43	1.93	3.43
	M27	2	ICU, LR, MW, OT	0.52	2.01	3.51
	M33	1	MW	0.00	0.87	2.37
Tangalle	T1	3	PW (x2)	0.00	0.00	0.35
	T4	2	ICU	0.00	0.00	0.67
	T9	2	MW (x2)	0.00	0.29	1.79

In the absence of probabilistic tsunami onshore inundation information and a detailed topographical map, this study employs a simplified approach for the development of three tsunami inundation scenarios to check the performance of TRRI for different hazard intensities. The first realization, indicated as Hazard Level 1, is derived directly from the DMC map and represents the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami. It should be noted that the DMC map only defines distinct inundation depths and geographical boundaries for the moderate tsunami hazard zone. Hence, this zone is adopted as a reference for estimating the inundation depth at the hospital building locations. This is done by first drawing a transect indicating the shortest distance between the coast and the building being assessed. A linear relationship is assumed to describe the change in inundation depth along the transect between the seaward and inland boundaries of the moderate hazard zone, as shown in **Figure 7**. The inundation depth at the building location  $h_{TSU}$  is then calculated from:

$$h_{TSU} = h_{min} - \frac{d}{D} (h_{max} - h_{min}), \tag{24}$$

where  $h_{max}$  and  $h_{min}$  are the Hazard Level-based tsunami inundation depths at the edges of the moderate hazard band,  $D$  is the width of the moderate hazard zone along the transect, and  $d$  is the distance along the transect of the building to the edge of the moderate hazard zone.

The second and third tsunami inundation scenarios, indicated as Hazard Levels 2 and 3, are derived by increasing the inundation depths defining the DMC moderate hazard zone by 1.5 m and 3 m, respectively. By so doing, more severe inundations are produced at the hospital sites in terms of depth and inland extent, helping to demonstrate the methodology. A limitation of such an approach is that the hazard levels do not reflect a specific probability of occurrence. **Table 2** lists the resulting tsunami inundation depths for each buildings.

### Weighting of Back-Up Systems for $RRI_{bcs}$

A small pool of five hospital administrators (doctors) from Sri Lanka participated in the paired comparison of back-up systems for the evaluation of  $RRI_{bcs}$ . **Table 3** presents the resulting mean

scores, standard deviation, overall ranking and weights for the back-up systems. The  $p$ -values of individual participants is found to be less than 0.05, indicating that no participant randomly ranked the back-up systems. The high values of coefficients of concordance (0.73) and agreement (0.47) suggest an overall agreement among the participants regarding the position of each back-up system in the ranking order. The  $p$ -value below 0.05 obtained for the chi-square test also indicates that the group ranking preferences have a structure and are not random. In particular, the water supply and electric power systems have the two highest best estimate ranking scores, while fire protection and air conditioning the lowest.

## RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT OF CRITICAL UNITS FOR SRI LANKAN HOSPITALS

**Table 4** presents the values of TRRI calculated for the five critical units of the three case-study hospitals, for the three hazard scenarios presented in *Hazard Scenarios*. Under Hazard Level 1, none of the buildings containing critical units in BH Balapitiya and BH Tangalle are subjected to tsunami inundation. Despite this, the  $RRI_{bcs}$  values for these hospitals are non-zero due to their both not having any fire protection system, and BH Tangalle missing power and water back-up systems. For DGH Matara, the values of  $RRI_{bldg}$  indicate that only building M15 would be likely to collapse due to scour ( $RRI_{scour} = 1$ , see **Table 5**), with the other buildings not suffering major damage, (i.e.  $RRI_{bldg} \leq 0.5$ ). Despite

**TABLE 3 |** Summary of results for the performed rankings.

Back-up systems	Weight mean	Weight st. Dev
Electric power (EP)	0.81	0.11
Water supply (WS)	0.80	0.15
Telecommunications (TLC)	0.62	0.22
Medical gas (MG)	0.52	0.21
Fuel and gas services (FG)	0.37	0.26
Wastewater (WW)	0.36	0.20
Fire protection (FP)	0.25	0.21
Air conditioning (HVAC)	0.20	0.14

**TABLE 4 |** Summary of *TRRI* calculated for the critical units under three hazard levels.

Unit	Bldg id	Floor	Hazard level 1				Hazard level 2				Hazard level 3			
			Bldg	Funct	Bcs	<i>TRRI</i>	Bldg	Funct	Bcs	<i>TRRI</i>	Bldg	Funct	Bcs	<i>TRRI</i>
ICU	B11	GF	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0
ICU	M15	GF	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	T4	GF	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	B10	GF	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0
ICU	M27	GF	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	B7	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0
ICU	M1	1 F	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	M1	1 F	0.5	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	B7	2 F	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0
LR	B6	GF	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.0	0.5	1.0
LR	M27	GF	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MW	M33	GF	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MW	T9	GF	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
MW	M27	1 F	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
MW	T9	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.0	1.0	1.0
MW	B11	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0
OT	B9	GF	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.4	1.0
OT	M27	GF	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
OT	B10	GF	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0
OT	M12	2 F	0.2	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
PW	T1	GF	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
PW	T1	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0

**TABLE 5 |** Summary of *RRI<sub>bldg</sub>* calculated for the critical units under three hazard levels.

Unit	Bldg id	Floor	Hazard level 1				Hazard level 2				Hazard level 3			
			Struct	Debris	Scour	Bldg	Struct	Debris	Scour	Bldg	Struct	Debris	Scour	Bldg
ICU	B11	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	M15	GF	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
ICU	T4	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
ICU	B10	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
ICU	M27	GF	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
ICU	B7	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.0
ICU	M1	1 F	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
ICU	M1	1 F	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
ICU	B7	2 F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.0
LR	B6	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
LR	M27	GF	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
MW	M33	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
MW	T9	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
MW	M27	1 F	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
MW	T9	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
MW	B11	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.0
OT	B9	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
OT	M27	GF	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.2	1.0	1.0
OT	B10	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
OT	M12	2 F	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0
PW	T1	GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PW	T1	1 F	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

the good building performance, five of the critical units would be directly inundated ( $RRI_{\text{funct}} = 1$ ), and four more critical units would likely be non-functional due to compromised back-up systems ( $RRI_{\text{bcs}} = 1$ ). The latter is due to the main back-up systems in this hospital being inundated. The consequence is that under this hazard scenario (and also for Hazard Levels 2 and

3), DGH Matara is predicted to lose functionality in all its critical units. Across the network of these three hospitals, this would mean a reduction of 40–45% in the number of ICU and MW units, and of 50% in the number of LR and OT units. Loss of critical unit functionality at DGH Matara would put particular stress on BH Tangalle, which is the closest hospital to it, and

**TABLE 6** | Summary of *TRRI* for the critical units under three hazard levels: baseline scenario and three different What-If (WI) scenarios.

Unit	Bldg id	Floor	<i>TRRI</i> —hazard level 1				<i>TRRI</i> —hazard level 2				<i>TRRI</i> —hazard level 3			
			Base-line	WI1	WI2	WI3	Base-line	WI1	WI2	WI3	Base-line	WI1	WI2	WI3
ICU	B11	GF	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	M15	GF	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	T4	GF	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1
ICU	B10	GF	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
ICU	M27	GF	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	B7	1 F	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	M1	1 F	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	M1	1 F	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ICU	B7	2 F	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
LR	B6	GF	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.3
LR	M27	GF	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MW	M33	GF	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MW	T9	GF	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6
MW	M27	1 F	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
MW	T9	1 F	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.6
MW	B11	1 F	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
OT	B9	GF	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
OT	M27	GF	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
OT	B10	GF	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5
OT	M12	2 F	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
PW	T1	GF	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.1
PW	T1	1 F	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1

which has only two ICU units overall (only one in an RC building) and no Operating Theater.

Under Hazard Level 2, BH Balapitiya remains outside the inundation zone, but building T9 of BH Tangalle is subjected to a small inundation of 0.29 m depth. This inundation is insufficient to cause structural damage in this building but does compromise the functionality of one of the Maternity Wards, as this is located at the ground floor of T9. Moreover, all other critical units in BH Tangalle are seen to be at significant risk of functionality loss from damaged back-up systems. Hazard Level 2 imposes a larger inundation depth at DGH Matara, which results in three predicted building collapses ( $RR_{\text{bldg}} = 1.0$ ). Through analysis of the components of  $RR_{\text{bldg}}$  (see **Table 5**), the risk of structural failure from hydrodynamic loading is significantly higher than in Hazard Level 1, but overall building failures are dominated by the effects of scour around the foundations. With almost all the critical units in both BH Tangalle and DGH Matara predicted to be non-operational (see **Table 4**), Hazard Level 2 sees a reduction across the three hospitals of 55% in the number of ICU units, 50% in the number of LR and OT units, and 80% in number of MW units.

When subjected to Hazard Level 3, all critical hospital units would likely be non-operational. As listed in **Table 5**, all hospital units in DGH Matara are located within buildings at significant risk of structural damage and severe scouring at the foundations. At BH Balapitiya, although power, water supply and medical gases would continue to function ( $RR_{\text{bcs}} = 0.5$ ) (**Table 4**), two buildings (B7 and B11) would be at high risk of collapse due to effects of scour and debris impact (**Table 5**). This would make two ICUs and one MW non-operational, despite their being located on building storeys that would not be inundated by Hazard Level 3. For 64% of the units across the three hospitals  $RR_{\text{bcs}} = 1$ , since the backup systems would be compromised. At BH Tangalle, the lack of power and

water supply combined with damage to the rest of the back-up systems, results in  $RR_{\text{bcs}} = 1$  for all units. If this can be prevented, BH Tangalle would be able to operate 50% of its the Maternity and Pediatric Wards (since buildings T1 and T9 have  $RR_{\text{bldg}} = 0$  and 0.6, respectively, and their first floors have  $RR_{\text{funct}} = 0$  even for Hazard Level 3—see **Table 4**).

The results of the analysis of *TRRI* for the three hospitals and Hazard Levels shows a high vulnerability of back-up systems and critical units under low levels of tsunami inundation. This is caused by most being located on the ground floor of inundated buildings (see **Table 4**). These two components of *TRRI* are seen to dominate whether or not critical units will be operational after a “small to moderate” tsunami event (Hazard Levels 1 and 2). Note that *TRRI* = 1.0 for nearly half of the units (45% of the total) at Hazard Level 2, although  $RR_{\text{bldg}} = 1.0$  only for 18% of them. Hence, re-positioning critical units and back-up systems to higher floors within the surveyed buildings would improve the functional resilience of the hospitals. Building failure plays an increasing role in the critical unit operability for “moderate to high” tsunami events (Hazard Levels 2 and 3). At Hazard Level 3, all 22 units have *TRRI* = 1.0, of which 13 units (59%) also have  $RR_{\text{bldg}} = 1.0$ . In particular scour of foundations can precipitate building failure. Protection against scour would require the installation of piles or deeper foundations. This is more appropriate as a design improvement for future hospital buildings, since this can be disruptive and expensive as a retrofit intervention.

## WHAT-IF SCENARIOS

Given the findings in *Results of the Assessment of Critical Units for Sri Lankan Hospitals*, this section presents a comparison of the

effectiveness of three possible interventions in reducing the immediate loss of operability of critical units after a tsunami. The intervention effectiveness is examined by running “what-if” scenarios, wherein the intervention is applied to all buildings and *TRRI* is recalculated. The effectiveness of the intervention on each critical unit type is represented as the ratio between the number of functional units for the intervention and baseline scenarios (Note: the baseline is the no-intervention scenario). The “what-if” scenarios considered are:

- What-if 1 (WI1) consists in the relocation of back-up systems to places that are not affected by the tsunami inundation, e.g., by either relocating or elevating the system to be outside the inundation zone. Within this scenario, any missing back-up system, other than Fire Protection and HVAC (as these are co-located with the critical unit) are installed.
- What-if 2 (WI2) consists in the relocation of critical units one storey up from their current position in the building that houses them. Where the unit is already located in the uppermost floor of the building, it is assumed to remain in its current position.
- What-if 3 (WI3) combines the effects of adopting WI1 and WI2, i.e., both relocation of back-up systems and critical units. In this case Fire Protection and HVAC are also installed if missing, and are assumed to be co-located with the newly positioned critical units.

**Table 6** presents the *TRRI* resulting from implementation of the three “what-if” scenarios and the baseline (no intervention) scenario for the three Hazard Levels. **Table 7** summarizes the effectiveness of each “what-if” scenario in increasing the number of operational critical units after a tsunami, as compared to the baseline scenario. In **Table 7**, the effectiveness of the “what-if” scenario, indicated as  $E_{WI}$ , is calculated for each critical unit type, as follows:

$$E_{WI} = \frac{n_{ou,WI} - n_{ou,BL}}{n_u} \tag{25}$$

where  $n_u$  is the total number of units (for each type),  $n_{ou,WI}$  is the number of operational units in the “what-if” scenario, and  $n_{ou,BL}$  is the number of operational units for the baseline scenario.

From **Tables 6** and **7** it is observed that moving the back-up systems to a safe location (WI1) significantly improves the number of operational MW, OT and PW available after tsunami for all Hazard Levels, but is not effective in improving the number of operational ICU and LR units with respect to the baseline for tsunami above Hazard Level 1. This is because many critical units remain vulnerable to direct tsunami inundation.

Implementation of WI2 provides no/little improvement over the baseline scenario for Hazard Levels 1 and 2, as the failure of back-up systems in DGH Matara and BH Tangalle compromise their critical unit operability and BH Balapitiya is not inundated at these Hazard Levels. However, for Hazard Level 3, despite inundation of BH Balapitiya, some of the back-up systems are not compromised

and by elevating the critical units their risk of direct inundation is reduced and their operability maintained.

An increased effectiveness is observed for What-If scenario 3, as compared to either WI1 or WI2 individually. The combined intervention on back-up systems and critical units is more beneficial than the sum of their individual effects. This is because in WI3 any missing back-up systems are added to the hospital buildings, and the HVAC and Fire Protection systems are moved to upper levels with the critical units, thus joining the other back-up systems in being in a safe location. This results in  $RRI_{bcs}$  values close to zero, which when combined with the reduced risk of critical unit inundation, results in 95%, 82%, and 64% of all critical units being operational under Hazard Levels, 1, 2, and 3, respectively. It is highlighted that even in WI3, ICU and OT remain at significant risk from tsunami of Hazard Level 3, with only one quarter of the units predicted to remain operational. To further increase their tsunami resilience, interventions would be needed on the buildings that house these critical units, in order to improve their structural and foundation systems. The *TRRI* analysis prioritizes buildings M1, M15, and M27 in DGH Matara for such interventions, as these are predicted to suffer heavy damage and/or collapse under the tsunami hazard scenarios, even though the risk to back-up systems and critical units can be reduced through WI3.

The suggested interventions are not based on financial considerations or other constraints, and are applied to all three hospitals. However, it is clear that the *TRRI* and proposed efficiency measure ( $E_{WI}$ ) can be adopted for other What-If scenarios that could apply more targeted or different interventions on single hospitals or buildings to optimize the cost-to-benefit. The advantage of the *TRRI* is that such interventions can be explored across single or multiple hospitals in a manner that is not computationally expensive and does not require high levels of technical expertise.

## CONCLUSION

This paper presents a new tsunami relative risk index (*TRRI*) for the assessment of risk to critical units in hospitals exposed to tsunami inundation. The *TRRI* is a quantitative index that considers tsunami risk to 1) the hospital buildings housing critical units, with tsunami hydrodynamic loading, debris impact and scour considered, 2) the critical units themselves and 3) the critical back-up systems that support the functioning of critical units. Each component of tsunami risk is evaluated on a scale of 0 (no risk) to 1 (high risk), and the overall risk to the

**TABLE 7** | Summary of the effectiveness of each What-If (WI) scenario.

Unit	$E_{WI}$ —hazard level 1			$E_{WI}$ —hazard level 2			$E_{WI}$ —hazard level 3		
	WI1	WI2	WI3	WI1	WI2	WI3	WI1	WI2	WI3
ICU	0.22	0	0.44	0	0	0.11	0	0.11	0.22
LR	0	0	0.50	0	0	0.50	0	0.50	0.50
MW	0.20	0	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.40	0.20	0	0.40
OT	0.25	0	0.50	0.25	0	0.50	0	0.25	0.25
PW	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	0.50	0.50	1.0

<sup>a</sup>Indicates that all critical units were predicted as functional in the baseline scenario for the Hazard Level considered.

critical unit is taken as the highest value from the three components. A methodology is provided for the simple evaluation of the tsunami risk indices for each component that draws upon engineering principles and practice, physical interpretation of tsunami risk and expert elicitation. The *TRRI* approach is tested for a case study of three hospitals in Sri Lanka, wherein the *TRRI* is used to assess the number of critical units (that are housed in reinforced concrete buildings) remaining operational after tsunami inundations of three intensities. It is demonstrated that the *TRRI* approach allows the identification of the drivers of loss of operability of critical units under the different hazard scenarios. The *TRRI* analysis for the three hospitals show a high functional vulnerability of back-up systems and critical units under low levels of tsunami inundation. These findings can inform decisions to be made as to interventions for improving the operational resilience of critical units within a single hospital complex, as well as across a network of hospitals to ensure health service provision. The latter is demonstrated by conducting a series of “what-if” scenarios for different interventions on the case study hospital network and re-calculating the *TRRI* values for each critical unit. Comparison of the number of critical units predicted to be functional after a tsunami under the baseline scenario, (i.e. no intervention) and the different “what-if” scenarios, allows the identification of individual and combined interventions in improving the tsunami resilience of healthcare provision across the hospital system. For the three hospitals in Sri Lanka, relocating back-up systems and units to safe locations would be an effective intervention; however, under large tsunami events the hospital buildings and their foundations are predicted to suffer heavy damage and/or collapse.

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