

DEC 2015 – OCT 2018

SOUTH INDIA FLOODS RELIEF

COMPLETION REPORT



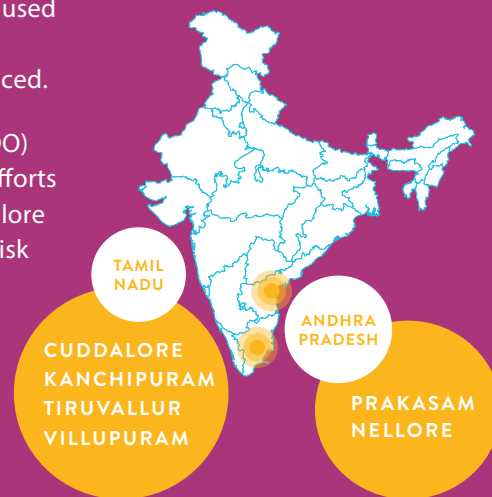
WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

In November and December 2015, incessant record-breaking rainfall and overflowing lakes inundated many areas in South India, causing severe flooding. The floods have caused a more devastating impact than those that happened in the previous years. As a result, houses and farmlands were destroyed and many communities were affected and displaced.

Mercy Relief responded to the disaster by conducting relief distribution operations (RDO) in the immediate aftermath of the disaster. Three years later, we have completed our efforts to assist them in their recovery and mitigation phases through our 2 projects in Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu. These projects focused on livelihoods for women and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for the affected communities.

Thanks to your support, Mercy Relief was able to respond swiftly and to successfully complete our projects with the aim of restoring the normalcy and livelihood of the survivors in South India while also increasing their preparedness for future disasters.

AREAS AFFECTED



\$172,693

Total Raised in SGD

8,841

Total Beneficiaries Reached

> 3 million

Affected

> 200,000

People Displaced

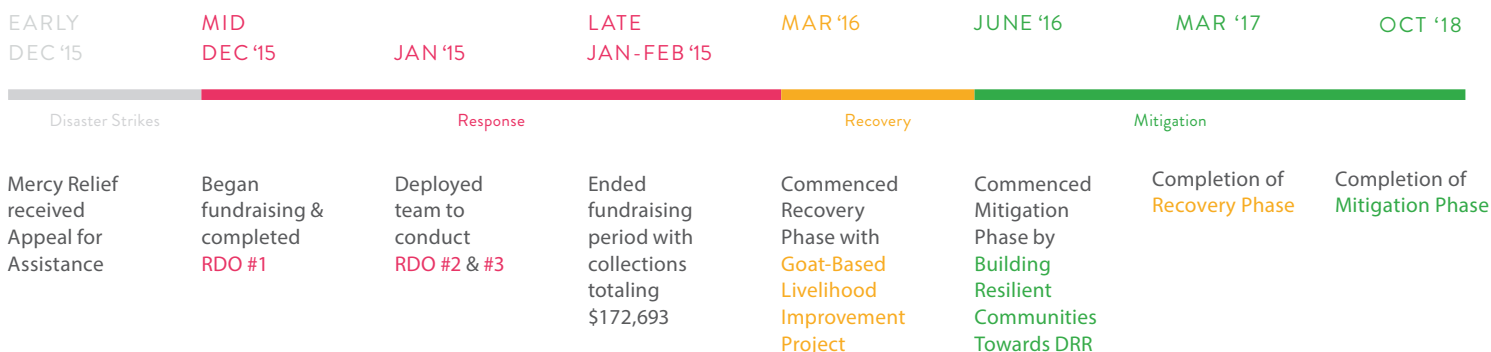
> 55,000

Hectares of Farmland Damaged

> 340

Fatalities

TIMELINE





RELIEF DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS (RDO)

Mercy Relief conducted 3 Relief Distribution Operations (RDO). In total we reached out to 627 households during the Response Phase with S\$20,066 worth of emergency food relief and hygiene supplies that were able to last a family of 6 persons for up to 15 days.

2,445

Beneficiaries Reached

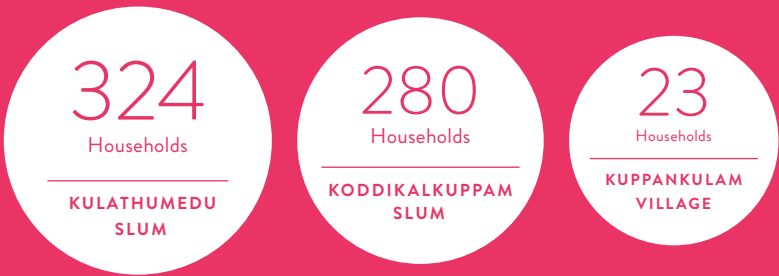
\$20,066

Emergency Food Relief and Hygiene Supplies Distributed in SGD



Relief supplies distribution by Mercy Relief in Kulathumedu Slum in Chennai on 11 Dec 2015.

Breakdown of Distribution



Items in Relief Packs Per Household

 RDO	 LOCATION	 HOUSEHOLDS	 FOOD ITEMS	 NON FOOD ITEMS
1	11 DEC 2015 Kulathumedu Slum, Norther Suburb of Chennai	324	10kg Rice 1kg Dhal 1kg Cooking Oil 1kg Iodised Salt 200gm Chili Powder 500gm Milk	1 Blanket 1 Towel 1pkt Sanitary Napkins 2pcs Bath and Hand Soap 100gm Toothpaste & 4 Toothbrush
2	19 JAN 2016 Kuppankulam Slum, riverside village in Cuddalore district	280	15kg Rice 1kg Dhal 1kg Cooking Oil 1kg Iodised Salt 2kg Sugar	1 Blanket 1pkt Sanitary Napkins 2pcs Bath Soap 100gm Toothpaste & 4 Toothbrush
3	25 JAN 2016 Koddikalkuppam village in Cuddalore district	23		



GOAT-BASED LIVELIHOOD
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

\$13,500

Budget in SGD

Mar 2016–Mar 2017

Duration

Cuddalore District,
Tamil Nadu, India

Location

390

Beneficiaries Reached



30 female goats were distributed to beneficiaries in Thatchan Colony on 21 March 2016.

Breakdown of Distribution



Project Impact



RESTORED LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES
Increased the sustainable supplementary source of household income through livestock rearing for 100 flood-affected families.



MORE RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS
Equipped beneficiaries with relevant knowledge and expertise for better livestock management through goat management workshops. Also increased their knowledge on how to build resilient goat shelters that are able to protect the livestock against floods.

Activities

This project is a livestock-based livelihood improvement programme aimed to provide assistance for 100 women beneficiaries from vulnerable communities. Each beneficiary was provided with 1 female goat.

1	Procure and distribute goats	COMPLETED	✓
2	Conduct goat management workshops	COMPLETED	✓
3	Build flood resilient goat shelters	COMPLETED	✓
4	Organize insurance and vaccination for goats	COMPLETED	✓
5	Form village-level goat cooperatives	COMPLETED	✓

Outcomes

- A 100 goats distributed to 100 beneficiaries
- B 3 Goat Management Trainings conducted
- C 3 Disaster Resilient Shelters for Livestock constructed in 3 villages



BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES TOWARDS
COMMUNITY-MANAGED DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
(CMDRR)

\$93,960

Budget in SGD

June 2016 - Oct 2018

Duration

Cuddalore District,
Tamil Nadu, India

Location

6,006

Beneficiaries Reached



Leaders and members of women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) attending a DRR training session.

Project Impact



IMPROVED DRR INFRASTRUCTURE

Educated beneficiaries to understand their responsibility of creating disaster-safe infrastructure facilities to their communities.



INCREASED COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS LEVEL

Increased beneficiaries’ disaster-preparedness and confidence of reducing their vulnerabilities by raising the capacity of individuals as well as communities.



INCREASED INCOME AND SAVINGS LEVEL

Increased the overall income and capacity of beneficiaries to augment and sustain their income by training their technical skills.



INCREASED RISK PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD ASSETS

Increased the capacity of beneficiaries to access continued financial support to create and enhance livelihood assets. Also enhanced their knowledge of financial management in their business so that they can protect their assets.

Activities

The project focuses on Building Resilient Communities Towards the adoption of a sustained CMDRR (Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction) approach which looks to reduce the risks and negative impacts from disasters.

1	Conduct DRR education programme	COMPLETED	✓
2	Formation of DRR Management Committees	COMPLETED	✓
3	Facilitate Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment	COMPLETED	✓
4	Plan community DRR Action Plan training	COMPLETED	✓
5	Support SHGs in implementation of Action Plan with regards to better financial planning	COMPLETED	✓

Outcomes

- A

Better knowledge on DRR preparedness among the people in the communities
- B

Task-force communities (5 DRRMCs, 15 Rescue Teams, 15 DRR Volunteers, 5 SHG federations have emerged within the communities
- C

Communities have the knowledge of convergence with Fire & Rescue Department
- D

Active functioning of 114 SHGs in the communities involved in savings and credit activities
- E

Promotion and revival of livelihood activities increased the income of individuals
- F

Credit linkage helps them to have continuous financial support for their livelihood activities
- G

Linkages with insurance agencies transfer the risks and damages of 391 families
- H

Savings and internal lending among 90% of SHG members solve their emergency needs

SURVIVOR STORY



MS. SUBASHINI, 23

During the time of the floods, Ms. Subashini and her husband had undergone a lot of hurdles since they didn't have the necessary awareness on safeguarding themselves.

However, they managed to overcome the situation when Mercy Relief provided assistance in the form of relief supplies in times of crisis and implemented the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) programme post-disaster.

"Through Mercy Relief's DRR programme, I've learnt how to safeguard my family in times of disaster via the trainings given to us. Belonging to this programme makes me feel empowered and able to face any future problems."

A huge thank you from Mercy Relief!

Look forward to more updates about our work on-the-ground via our website or social media channels.

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