

MAY 2017 – APRIL 2019

SRI LANKA FLOODS RELIEF



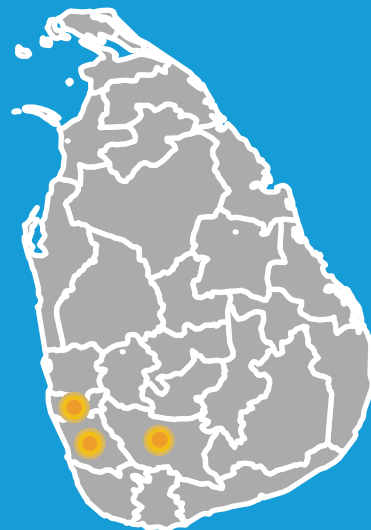
COMPLETION REPORT

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO

In May 2017, Sri Lanka faced severe devastation when intense series of monsoons struck the southwestern region, triggering flash floods and landslides that have impacted over 20,000 homes, displacing hundreds of families.

On the 30th May 2017, Mercy Relief responded to the crisis by deploying a team to assist our ground partner in its distribution of relief provisions and recovery mission. Since then, we have been operating on Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness activities in an effort to empower the communities' preparedness and reducing vulnerability to future disasters.

With the support of everyone, Mercy Relief was able to provide effective response and assist the affected community in their perseverance against the aftermath by establishing Disaster Resilient Centres in 3 districts.



\$62,723

Total raised in SGD

Over 7,300

Survivors benefited

224

Fatalities

717,622

People Affected

TIMELINE

27 MAY '17

30 MAY '17

JUN '17

JULY-ONWARDS

APRIL '19

Disaster Strikes

Response

Preparedness

Mercy Relief received Appeal for Assistance

Response team deployed to Colombo

Conducted 5 Relief Distribution Operations (RDO) across 3 Districts

Commenced Preparedness Phase with Disaster Resilience Centre Project

Distribution of medical & rescue equipment to each DRC venue

Completion of Project



RELIEF ACTIVITIES

By combining our forces with our ground partners, we were able to reach out to over 4,000 beneficiaries and distributed emergency food rations and hygiene kits in the districts of Kalutara, Galle and Matara. We are inspired by the survivors' resilience and compassion to support each other.

4,000

Beneficiaries

May '17 - Jun '17

Duration



Distribution of food rations to community

Items Distributed



Food items that were distributed



FOOD ITEMS

5 kg Rice
1kg Dhal
1kg Onions
1pkt Noodles
1pkt Tea
1pkt Salt
1pkt Milk
200g Spices



HYGIENE KITS

Laundry Soap
Bath Soaps
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Towels
Sanitary Napkins

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTRE PROJECT

Mercy Relief worked alongside the local community to establish Disaster Resilient Centres (DRCs) that are equipped with adequate water and sanitation facilities, allowing them to serve as refugee centres, food distribution points, community kitchens and clinics. During the absence of disasters, the centres will be employed for activities such as welfare activities and classes, thus ensuring its maintenance and operation while promoting community ownership and social cohesion.

> 750

Households benefited

June '18 – Apr '19

Duration



Activity being conducted at the centre



Renovated latrines

Project Activities

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| 1 | Established disaster resilient centres in 3 villages | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 2 | Construction and renovation of latrines and sanitation facilities | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 3 | Distribution of basic resue and kitchen necessities | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 4 | Installation of water tanks at 3 evacuation points | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 5 | Expansion of water canal for better water flow to reduce flooding | COMPLETED | ✓ |
| 6 | Set up proper communication channel between district centres and DRCs | COMPLETED | ✓ |

Project Impact



IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE



IMPROVED SANITATION FACILITIES



Preparedness



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENT CHAMPIONS

By appointing and training community members to act as first respondents when providing relief in the occurrence of future disasters, this project enables the community to ready and prepare themselves by equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to prevail against adversity driven by disasters. This is also achieved by extending our efforts in the distribution of rescue, medical and kitchen kits to the community.



Distribution of medical and rescue equipments to community



Review of Disaster Response Team's training

PROJECT IMPACT

- 1 Increased awareness and preparedness for future disasters among communities
- 2 Enhanced coordination and communication of the communities to respond to disasters
- 3 Better community capacity in rescue operations, disaster response and refuge during the disasters
- 4 High social interactions, and informal discussions of community-based disaster response

Items Distributed



Rescue equipments that were distributed



RESCUE EQUIPMENTS

Life Jackets
Rescue Tubes
Torchlights
Helmets
First Aid Boxes



KITCHEN NECESSITIES

3 Water Tanks
Generator
Gas Cooler and Cylinder
Kitchen Utensils

SURVIVOR STORY



KARUNA RATNE

Karuna Ratne is not just a school teacher but also a survivor of the devastation. Although the experience was traumatising, she did not let it impede her determination to restore and better the community. She now spends her days volunteering to widen roads for easier accessibility to the Disaster Resilient Centres.

"We need the safe place."

Mercy Relief is proud to have been of service to strong characters such as Karuna who chooses to persevere in the face of adversity.

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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It takes a team of specialised aid workers to respond timely and effectively to humanitarian crises around the region as well as implement impactful developmental projects. When you donate to Mercy Relief's General Fund you enable our ability to scale as an organisation and strengthen our expertise on the field. Please note that all donations will be directed to this fund will enjoy a tax deduction of 250 percent of the amount of the donation.

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