



32 Years of Service

Standing Committee of Tamil Speaking People (S C O T)

Dear Friends,

Your solidarity is required to help our brothers and sisters.

As many of you might have seen in the news, Sri Lanka has once again become a headline story as it battles against yet another humanitarian crisis. Severe flooding caused by torrential rains on the island's east coast has affected more than 1,000,000 people and forced 360,000 to become homeless. Some villages continue to remain inaccessible, the waters having cut off any means of transporting vital basic relief items to them. There are currently just over 550 Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps functioning.

Please see this [link](#) for detail information from the UN OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) Sri Lanka office and this [link](#) for the BBC's video coverage.

Livelihoods have been ruined with over 240,000 livestock dead as well as rice paddy lands significantly damaged (over 80% in Batticaloa). Family water supplies have been contaminated which will have serious consequences for hygiene and health. Once again, children's education has been disrupted with classes postponed and books lost.

SCOT has already responded by providing financial support to our long established partners, the Young Men's Hindu Association (Batticaloa) and to EHED of Eastern Diocese Bishop (Trincomalee - Batticaloa) to provide immediate relief items (distribution of food and non-food items) to IDPs living in camps. We will continue to work and support other local established organisations already on the ground, which have longstanding relationships with the communities.

The need however, is woefully greater than what we have to give, so we write to you ask you to support our appeal. We would be extremely grateful to receive any donations for the relief and early recovery effort. While thanking for your contribution, please forward this email to your associates who will be able to support our appeal.

Regards,

Dr A H Y Rajendram
President

Donations welcome through these methods:

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