



SITUATION REPORT - SRI LANKA FLOODS & LANDSLIDE DISASTER

Programme Location: 14 districts in Southern and South Central Sri Lanka

Dates Covered: 27/5/2017

Sit-Rep Number: 2

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Summary: (give information about the situation in your DC in bullet points)

- CSL national centre staff are monitoring the situation and are in contact with the affected Diocesan Centres and collecting details about the damages
- The DC teams in Galle, Ratnapura and Colombo are on location in many of the affected areas and with local contributions and their own resources are providing some urgent relief items.
- Cooked food is being given to the affected families in Galle.
- Some of the affected areas in Galle and Ratnapura are inaccessible due to surging flood waters. We have received requests for boats to reach some of the accessible areas.
- The Government has deployed all three segments of the security forces to help in the rescue efforts
- Government has appealed to the UN agencies, neighbouring countries and the other international and local NGOs for assistance to help the affected population
- Caritas Sri Lanka is closely monitoring the situation and is planning to prepare an EA proposal to be submitted to CI on Monday evening or Tuesday (28th/29th May 2017)

Key Data on Affected Populations:

Districts	No. of Deaths	No. of persons missing	No. of families affected	No. of persons affected	In safe locations		No. of fully damaged houses	No. of partly damaged houses
					No. of families	No. of persons		
14	100	99	51,899	207,290	2,937	12,007	103	720

(Source: Disaster Management Centre)

- The DMC data is as at 27/5/2017 at 0800 hrs. But media reports as of 27th May 2017 report that over 500,000 persons have been affected. (<http://www.dmc.gov.lk/>, <http://www.dailymirror.lk/>)
- According to the DMC as mentioned above 100 persons have died and 99 persons are missing but Media reports also say that over 150 persons are missing. The majority of the deaths have been caused by landslides which occurred in Kalutara district in the Colombo diocese and Eheliyagoda in the Ratnapura district.
- The DMC requested the people to be vigilant on rising water levels. The DMC also advised the public to evacuate from unstable slopes to minimize disasters due to landslides, rock falls and cut slope failures in in the districts of Kegalle, Galle, Kalutara, Matara, Hambantota districts, if the showers continue for the next 24 hours. - See more at: <http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Rains-and-floods-Death-toll-reaches--129692.html#sthash.hSI4WobL.dpuf>

- Flooding has shut down schools in the Galle district in the Southern Province and Ratnapura district in the Sabaragamuwa Province on Friday, 26th May 2017. The Home Ministry has ordered all other schools in flood affected areas and threatened areas be closed.
- Rainfall as high as 500mm was reported in several parts of the country within the last 24 hrs, the Department of Meteorology said. The highest rainfall of 553mm was recorded from Kukuleganga in the Kalutara District while nearly 500mm of rain had fallen in Weeraketiya. The other rainfall figures included 395mm in Batuwagala, 387.2mm in Padukka and 348.5mm in Ratnapura. All in all the rainfalls exceeded 100mm in both the Western and Sabaragamuwa Provinces.
- The department has forecast more showers in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Central and North-Western Provinces in the coming days as well. - See more at: <http://www.dailymirror.lk/129703/Rainfall-as-high-as-mm-recorded-in-the-country#sthash.xzb5e9VK.dpuf>
- **Weather Forecast For (give date and time – next 48 hrs)**
 - ✓ According to the Department of Meteorology, South West monsoon conditions are now active and rains will continue for the next few days (<http://www.meteo.gov.lk>)
- **Security/Political Situation:**
 - ✓ Overall security situation is stable; no major security/protection incidents reported in most parts of the country.
 - ✓ Access to some parts of the affected areas especially in Ratnapura and Galle districts affected.
- **Programme Progress:**
 - ✓ Small scale local contribution being collected for distribution
 - ✓ Will report about possible programme support by next week
- **Coordination and Meetings:**
 - ✓ Diocesan Centres are meeting with the relevant coordinating agencies at district level.
- **Media & Communications:**
 - ✓ Photographs obtained by the Diocesan Centres available on request.
 - ✓ Weekly news update on Caritas relief operations provided to the “Catholic Messenger” and sister papers.
 - ✓ Diocesan Directors available to provide news updates on situation
- **Advocacy:**
 - ✓ We are planning for collection of local support through the Catholic media channels.
- **Personnel:**
 - ✓ Affected Diocesan Centres have mobilised volunteers and religious congregations for the present.
- **Activities Planned for Next Reporting Period**
 - ✓ Continue to monitor situation and coordinate with DCs.
 - ✓ Lobbying with local donors and parish members for local contributions.

End of Report – Next Sit-Rep on Monday May 28, 2017 @ 4.30pm local time.

Photographs of affected families & assets

