



**SITUATION REPORT - SRI LANKA FLOODS & LANDSLIDE DISASTER**

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

Dates Covered: 27/5/2017 – 29/5/2017

Sit-Rep Number: 3

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

- CSL national centre DRM Team has identified the emergency and post-emergency (beyond first 2 weeks) needs for assisting those displaced and located in welfare centres and will submit emergency proposal for a 30 & 90- day response in the coming days.
- The DC teams in Galle, Ratnapura and Colombo are conducting a rapid assessment of basic needs at 02 welfare centres in each of the 03 locations, for inclusion in Emergency Appeal.
- Cooked food is being given to the affected families in Galle.
- Tri-forces are deployed and continue to lead the emergency rescue, recovery operations in all affected areas and engaged in distribution of emergency relief supplies by air.

**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		
15	169	102	140,238	521,384	18,663	75,308	446	4362

(Source: Disaster Management Centre)

- The DMC data is as at 29/5/2017 at 1200 hrs. (<http://www.dmc.gov.lk/>).
- The number of deaths reported in floods and landslides was increased to 169 while 102 people had gone missing, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said today. (<http://www.dailymirror.lk/>)
- In its latest situation report, the DMC said that in total, 521,384 people of 140,238 families had been affected by the weather calamity.
- Government Ministry of Education has closed all Schools in 08 districts for a period 05 days until 2/6/2017.

**Weather Forecast For (give date and time – next 48 hrs)**

The Met department has forecast more showers in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Central and North-Western Provinces in the coming days, with Tuesday May 30, declared as D-Day with warning of huge showers. The Meteorology Department today said the Cyclonic storm 'MORA' in the east central Bay of Bengal was moving away from the island and was expected to make land fall tomorrow in Bangladesh. "Under its influence cloudy skies, windy and showery conditions are expected over the country. Very strong winds about 80 kmph can be expected. Showers or thundershowers will occur at times in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, North-western and Central provinces," a statement by

the Department read. - See more at: <http://www.dailymirror.lk/article/Heavy-showers-expected-as-water-level-in-rivers-fall-129811.html#sthash.PQsSX7a6.dpuf>

- **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.
  - ✓ NBRO( **National Building Research Organization** ) has declared the “level 3 Red alert” in seven districts namely Rathnapura , Kegalle ,Kallutara ,Matara , Galle, Hambantota, and Nuwara Eliya .
  
- **Programme Progress:**
  - ✓ Small scale local contribution being collected for distribution.
  - ✓ Caritas SED Galle has distributed cooked food parcels to affected people in Udugama since 26th May and in Deniyaya on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Hoping to start in Hiniduma too. Distribution of drinking water bottles and dry rations to mostly affected people in Udugama & Matara commenced from 27<sup>th</sup> May.. A survey is being conducted in Deniyaya, Kotapola & Akuressa DS Divisions by Caritas SED Galle staff to assess the real situation.
  - ✓ Caritas Ratnapura - Sethmini Staff and the respective Parish Priests of the affected areas are coordinating well among the priests in the parishes in the disaster response.
  - ✓ Caritas Colombo Sethsarana are coordinating collection of emergency relief items from several Parishes today.
  
- **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.
  - ✓ Caritas National Centre has identified staff for deployment in DC’s to assist in programme implementation in the next few days.
  
- **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 31, 2017 @ 4.30pm local time.*

