



Sarvodaya's Humanitarian response to effected people by Flood and Landslide - 2017



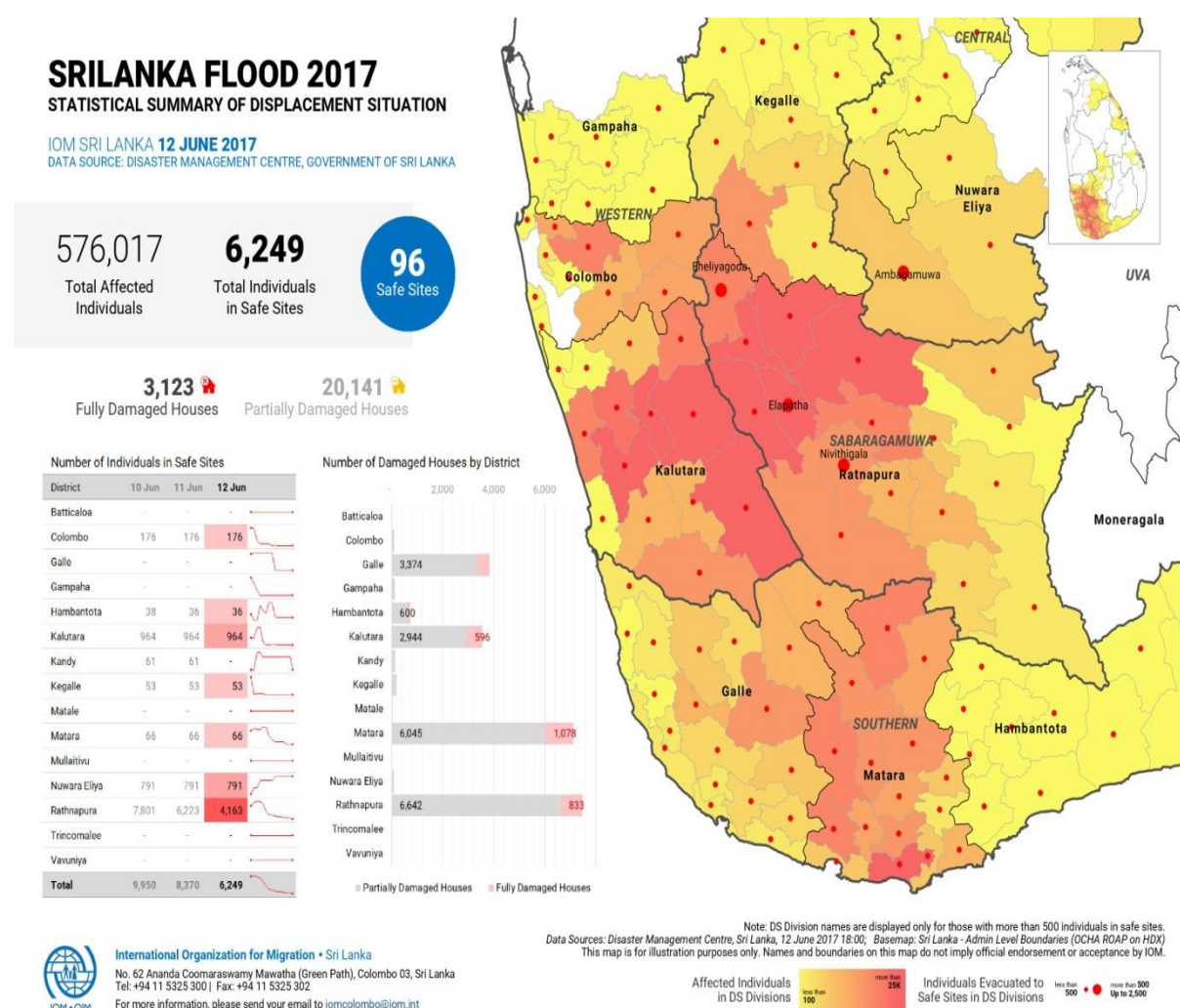
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Introduction

Over the course of May and early June 2017, 14 districts of Sri Lanka experienced the worst floods in living memory. Heavy monsoon rains in these districts affected the water sources and approximately total land area was underwater, as per the situation report issued by the Disaster Management Center on 4 June 2017, around 717,622 people living in 15 districts have been affected by the floods and landslides disaster. A total of 212 deaths have been reported. Further, over 2,313 houses have been fully destroyed and around 12,529 houses have been partially damaged. According to the UN, it is estimated that at least 150,000 of those affected are women and girls of reproductive age and over 189,000 are children

Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement (www.sarvodaya.org), being the lead humanitarian and voluntary grassroots development organization in the country, immediately mobilized its network, human and physical infrastructure in the affected districts and at the national level to respond to the emergency situation.



Sarvodaya Response

With nearly 6 decades of experience in working on response to major natural and human-made disasters in Sri Lanka, Sarvodaya has evolved the “5-R” approach as its main framework for disaster management. 5R consists of Relief, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Reconciliation and Reawakening. Sarvodaya targeted communities whose shelter, livelihood and other resources had been extensively damaged by the floods.

Sarvodaya immediately dispatched staff and volunteers to affected Galle, Gampaha, Kalutara, Matara, Colombo and Ratnapura areas. From 25.05.2017, Sarvodaya mobilized staff and volunteers to provide relief through **Sarvodaya Disaster Management Unit** headed by:

- Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, General Secretary
- Mr. Chamindha Rajakaruna , Executive Director
- Mr. Manoj Silva, Head of Disaster Response
- The Sarvodaya Colombo District Office has been led by Mr. Indunil Hittatiya.

Actions taken:

Following relief items were distributed from Sarvodaya District Centers while most of the humanitarian organizations were in the planning stage. These items were distributed by boat where road access was not possible. In addition to distribution of the mentioned items, Sarvodaya Disaster Management Unit (SDMU) continued to provide the required supports based on the needs assessments, SDMU was operating 24 hours to get the updates and inquires. Further Sarvodaya initiated its humanitarian appeal to generate the funds for the relief works and collected donations with the support of donors (individual/group/organizations).



In the mean time Sarvodaya participated in all the coordination meetings and forums and updated the ground needs and situations to the relevant stakeholders.



Distributed Items:

With the support of Sarvodaya district offices and staffs Sarvodaya head quarter identify the immediate needs the effected people and provided the available relief items. Following table will illustrate the distribution pattern among 6 districts

No	Item	Galle	Gampaha	Kalutara	Ratnapura	Colombo	Matara	Total
1	Cooked Food Parcels	650	270	1800	310	1990		5020
2	Dry rations	750	75	926	300	375	500	2926
3	Money for Dry Rations	380						380
4	Sanitary packs	200		133		150		483
5	Water bottles (500ml)			300		950		1250
6	Water bottles (5 l)					70		70
7	Loaves of bread					130		130

8	Panadol/ Balm			30				30
9	Tea and biscuits						340	340
10	Kitchen Utensil Packs		75	100				175
11	Candles			100				100
12	Kerosene			10				10
13	WASH - well cleaning			300				300
14	Garbage bins				42			42
15	Clothing items	221			300			521
16	School Kit	150				100		250

And following are on wait in line to be completed

No	Item	Galle	Gampaha	Kalutara	Ratnapura	Colombo	Matara	Total
1	Hygiene packs	230		475	520	175	1100	2500
2	Kitchen utensils	230		475	520	175	1100	2500
3	WASH - Well Cleaning	250		250	250	250	250	1250
4	House Cleaning items Pack	86		158	241	16	471	972

Cooked food was the initial relief item Sarvodaya started to distribute around 5,000 parcels were distributed in 6 districts during and continued to support by dry ration for around 3,000 people. The cost of the garbage bin was LKR 5,950 which used to collect waste in the selected areas of the Ratnapura district. Sarvodaya didn't encourage to provide the bottle water this time by considering the environmental pollution and to avoid dumping plastics in the effected district.

Stitched Cloths distributed mainly targeting children and women in Ratnapura and Galle. The worth of this cloth was around LKR 350,000. Sarvodaya continued its support in all the temporary camps and Sarvodaya staffs and volunteers were in the camp to provide them the required assistances apart from the distribution.

Once the people started to return their home Sarvodaya began to support in cleaning



activities especially house, well and toilet with the support of volunteers. 1,500 wells were cleaned with the support of its Shanthisena volunteers and Sarvodaya provided all the required equipments and cleaning materials.

For house cleaning activities

Sarvodaya provided high pressure pumps and cleaning materials with trained volunteers. Around LKR 2,750 worth of cleaning and hygienic packs distributed to required houses.

Responded Donors for Humanitarian appeal

Sarvodaya received numerous responses from various sources for its humanitarian appeal and received monetary contributions from followings source.

Donations Received	Amount (LKR)
Local Donations Received	138,500.00
Online Donations Received	3,497,552.00
Institutional Donations	
Swiss Embassy	12,320,000.00
Sarvodaya Development Finance	300,000.00
British High commission	20,000.00
Fireflyles Foundation	299,310.00
Mercy - Singapore	438,000.00
Bridge Sri Lanka	300,000.00
AJDC	1,500,000.00
Food & Non - food Items Received	
Food Items worth of	386,660.00
Non - Food Items Received worth of	1,382,440.00
Total Donations Received	20,582,462.00



Sarvodaya utilized these donations without wasting any single rupee and always followed transparent processes to ensure donor's satisfaction.

Possible partnering in future

Sarvodaya has negotiated with some other donors and started the planning phases with them. Partnering with UNICEF, Helvetas and Mastcare are the main partners in such. UNICEF project will focus on WASH, education and Child protection component. Helvetas funded will focus on cash for work in Kalutara District. With the funding of Mastcare, Sarvodaya will continue the relief works.

Listed below are the relief sectors selected by donors, districts targeted in these sectors and funds granted for same:

Future Preparedness for Disasters

As an existing organization with strong grassroots systems, Sarvodaya will use this funding opportunity to re-strategize its disaster resilience and response program, focusing on grassroots capacity building and empowerment to respond to disasters and provide organized relief efforts. Sarvodaya will take advantage of existing village organizations in districts to:

- Target existing volunteer youth teams in these disaster vulnerable villages, providing them with periodic trainings to keep them ready and prepared to face potential disasters.
- Enhance each village's stock of disaster response related inventory items including water-pumps, generators, jackets, boots, gloves, loud speakers, first-aid supplies, etc.
- Coordinate with government Disaster Management Center (DMC) district unit staff to co-train with Sarvodaya Village Center staff.
- Develop a set of Standard Operations Procedures with staff members' island-wide, interested volunteers and other partners to enhance the capacity of human resources.

Way forward



This is image of a young man from Kalutara district, who has lost his mother and two sisters by this cruel landslide and flood. He has nothing left to remember or carry other than the memories. He was standing in front of his house which is fully covered by sand. While we talk to him we could realized how much pressure he is having in his mind. This is only one story but there are many more. We have to think and Sarvodaya is extending the concern on the affected communities and way forward of supporting them in possible manner