

Floods wreak havoc in India – 2019

Summary

Rains intensified in many parts of the flood-hit states including Kerala, Maharashtra and Karnataka where over 12 lakh people have been affected. The death toll is rising and people are losing their lives due to monsoon fury.

Kerala – The landslides at Kavalappara and Puthumala in Malappuram and Wayanad districts have worsened the situation and more than 50 people are missing.

Karnataka - The death toll rises to 48, while 12 are still missing and subsequent landslides are reported in the state.

Maharashtra - The death toll increased to 43 and 761 villages in 69 taluks have been affected by floods in this state.

Problem

An orange alert has been issued in six districts of Kerala which may abruptly air and road travel and also threaten life as well as property. In last few days Malappuram district has seen a series of landslides due to heavy rain at Kavalappara and Kottakunnu resulting in the death of 24 people. In Karnataka, 2, 738 villages have been affected and 40,523 houses have been damaged. Moreover 4.12 lakh hectares of agricultural land has been damaged due to floods and landslides. Apart from private property, infrastructure including roads, bridges, electrical poles, transformers and buildings have been damaged. A severe situation is seen in Maharashtra where hundreds of villages have been devastated leading to immense damage to life and property.

Solution

As the states struggle to deal with the disaster, Learning Links Foundation proposes to offer unstinting support to the victims in the affected areas. We tend to provide temporary shelter and food packets to homeless and displaced people in the flood-hit areas. First aid along with nutritious food and clean drinking water is being made accessible to those people. Clothes, shoes and utensils are to be provided, to restart the normal routine. We require your indulgent support to help the survivors.

Budget Breakdown:

Meal for 10	Milk & Medicine	Blanket & Bedsheet	Water & Food Packet	Health Care Needs	Disaster Relief & Recovery	Construction of a house
\$10 USD	\$15 USD	\$25 USD	\$30 USD	\$500 USD	\$6000 USD	\$7000 USD

Prior Experience of the Foundation

The foundation has always been keen to help the victims/sufferers of the natural calamities and contributed towards the betterment of the society. Learning Links Foundation holds a prior experience in contributing towards building houses for flood victims in Idukki district during floods that occurred in 2018. The foundation received immense appreciation from the District administration of the quality and scale of work done by the organisation. The

following snapshots provides a glimpse of how the foundation helped and built/ reconstruct the houses of the flood victims in Idukki district.



Long term Impact

The Foundation will continue the survey in various areas and collect the list of requirements by meeting concerned authorities and officials. The next phase will focus on revamping the homes, institutions etc., in the identified areas.

The Foundation aims to support people in restarting lives with new hope and better opportunities. Also with collective efforts and support from the government, the foundation aims to rebuild these states and make them capable to withstand calamities in the future.