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Kerala Floods-2018



# Cause of Floods

Due to overwhelming rainfalls in August 2018, Kerala's dams filled to the maximum capacities and had to be opened as water levels rose close to overflow. This resulted in the worst floods the state has witnessed in close to a century.

# Impact of Floods

Kerala State Disaster Management Authority put the state under red alert. The flooding affected hundreds of villages, destroying an estimated 10,000 km of roads and thousands of homes. As many as 483 people died, 140 went missing and, 33,000 individuals were rescued. Numerous water treatment plants had to cease pumping water, resulting in poor access to clean water, especially in northern districts.



# Sahayata Trust's Response

## Survey:

Sahayata Trust began its relief work by conducting a survey from 25th to 27th August, 2018 in three villages in three different districts of Kerala.

### **District: Kozhikode, Village: Mukkam & Kannappan Kundu**

Almost all families living in this district are manual laborers and daily wage workers. As this area is on the riverbank, the loss was immense. The floods had fully destroyed some houses, while a few others were damaged and overflowing with muddy water.

### **District: Wayanad, Village: Vythiri**

The situation here was similar to that in Kozhikode district.

### **District: Thrissur, Village: Padoor**

Here too, the situation was nearly the same. Some areas experienced greater losses as the river had carried away entire houses.

## Common issues:

- Affected homes per visited village was more than 300 homes
- Agriculture destroyed
- Domesticated animals and livestock drowned.

As the affected community moved back to their homes after the immediate crisis, there was nothing left in their homes to start afresh. Sahayata's team provided the following relief material to those in need: Kitchen utilities for a family of four, Bedroom set-up, Gas stove, Washroom utilities, Kids' stationery to support back-to-school programs, Essential clothing.


# Relief


After the survey, all the materials were delivered to the Mukkam Orphanage – a volunteer-run organization of Sahayata Trust in Kerala. A package containing a 2 Kg gas cylinder with stove, foam bed, pillow, bedsheets and blankets were distributed to 150 people – 50 from each district, costing about INR 5 lakh.





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