

Sri Lanka Emergency Response: Situation Report

Date	:	5 th June 2018
Introduction	:	Flood and Landslides in Sri Lanka.
Country/Location	:	Sri Lanka
Title of emergency	:	Floods and Landslides in Sri Lanka 2018
Dates covered by report	:	20 th to 4 th June 2018
Situation Report No	:	06 (Last SitRep for this event)

General overview

The onset Southwestern monsoon over the country is bringing heavy rainfall since middle of May 2018 to Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western, North-Western and Central provinces out of 9 provinces in the country. The adverse weather situation has caused floods and landslides in 20 districts during 20th to 27th May.

As per the situation report issued by the Disaster Management Center (DMC), as off 1200 hours on 4th June 2018; overall 174,310 persons have been affected, 28 deaths and 24 injured people have been recorded. The affected districts are Rathnapura, Kaluthara, Puttalam, Colombo, Mathara, Galle, Kegalle, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Mathale, Trincomalee and Mullaitivu. As per the above DMC report, Rathnapura (33,500 persons), Puttalam (39,000) and Gampaha (50,000 persons) are the worst affected. 1,725 persons are still displaced and accommodated in 30 emergency camps. 6811 houses have been partially damaged and 161 are completely damaged.

- The Irrigation Department reports that flood levels of rivers have almost receded and reached to normal levels. Spillway gates of most of the water reservoirs have been closed. Flooded water in considerable locations are stagnated and polluted, particularly in lower lands.
- National Building Research Organization who is the mandated agency for landslide warning has declined the Landslide Warning.
- The Meteorology Department predicts light rains in some locations with temporary localized strong winds.
- Education Ministry reports that all schools have been opened from 30th May.

Government Response:

- Most of the military and police officials who were deployed have returned to regular services.
- DMC and other government institutes are providing basic needs to the affected and displaced communities.

- Government has disbursed LKR 55 million (\$ 365,000) to provide immediate needs of affected communities. Government has also released another LKR 49 million (\$ 325,000) for household resettlement advance of Rs. 10,000 per household for affected communities.

HCT Response:

- HCT is active and closely monitoring the situation.
- A meeting was conducted together with the Ministry of Disaster Management (MDM) and Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) on 1st June. The meeting was chaired by both Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Acting Resident Country Representative of UN; INGOS including ChildFund participated in the meeting.
 - It was stated by the Secretary of MDM that Puttalam District is the worst affected rural district by recent flooding. As it was the worst affected district of drought prior to flooding, Puttalam District requires more support to recover and restore.
 - Government has identified following 5 key areas to support by International Agencies and they are, **1. Support in livelihoods recovery of poor and vulnerable families 2. Cleaning of dug wells and restoration 3. Conducting health camps 4. Housing rehabilitation and reconstruction 5. Infrastructure recovery.**
- Government hasn't prioritized any child related issues into the list of needs/issues and this was discussed at the meeting. MDM accepted that as a lacking point of the SitReps and Initial Assessment. Further, MDM agreed to provide more information about children and child related issues in future.

Overview of ChildFund response:

- Considering the number of Districts has been affected, NERT has prioritized 4 districts as target area. Among the priority districts Puttalam and Hambantota are within the ChildFund program areas and Kalutara and Galle are not within the ChildFund program areas. ChildFund Sri Lanka has initially identified two partner organizations in Galle and Kaluthara districts. Partner capacity assessments and discussions for partnership management are underway.
- Puttalam District is one of ChildFund operating areas and DMC has reported that 39,000 persons in Puttalam have been affected. About 841 persons are been displaced and 13 emergency camps are active in the area as of 4th June 2018. ChildFund's Local Partner in the area, VOICE reported that about 3500 persons including 200 enrolled children have been affected within ChildFund program area. All the displaced families in ChildFund area have returned to homes.
- VOICE has made a request to launch a response program. The request has been approved by CO and implementation of 2 CCS centers, distribution of Hygiene Kits, NFIs such as (mosquito nets and bed sheets) and drinking water for 200 families.

- Observation visits to the districts of Puttalam and Kaluthara have been conducted over 29th and 30th May. As per the findings of the observation, flood water has receded and people have returned homes. Response actions can be managed within country capacities.
- ChildFund Sri Lanka is a member of the HCT and co-lead of the Child Protection Working Group. ChildFund Sri Lanka conducted NERT meeting and developed an action plan for the preparation for emergency response if necessary. Staff and the LPs are informed about the situation and requested to take necessary actions for personal safety. Surge capacity support from the staff at the CO has been identified.
- Strategic Intent Document for Emergency Response NSP and a proposal for UNICEF are being developed as preparation initiatives to improve the readiness of CO.
- There are no considerable incidents reported in other ChildFund operating districts of Nuwara Eliya, Monaragala, Trincomalee, Matale, Hambantota, Anuradhapura and Batticaloa;. However, LPs have reported that they are receiving quite heavy rainfalls.

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1. Security & logistics

No special information. No threats identified at this time. However, it will require strengthening capacity of procurement team if there is a decision to response.

2. Partnership and coordination

Government, HCT and INGOs are in coordination for the necessary emergency response actions.

3. Program (that are being done by ChildFund)

Sector	Actions

ChildFund Sri Lanka has not launched any response up to now except monitoring the situation.

4. Staffing

Major HR issues: Not yet reported.
 Visits: 1
 Departures: As usual
 Arrivals: As usual

Staff on the Ground:

1. Person :- No

5. Donors

Proposals and concept note submitted:

Donor	Program	Amount

Confirmed funding:

Donor	Program	Amount (USD)

6. Finance

7. Media/Communications

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8. Next steps

- Stand-down the SitReps communication.