

Sri Lanka Emergency Response: Situation Report

DATE: 12th June 2017 (18.00 HRS)








Introduction : Flood and Landslides in Sri Lanka.

Country/Location: **129 Divisions in 13** Districts affected

Title of emergency: Floods and Landslides due to Extreme Weather

Dates covered by report: 8th – 12th June 2017

Situation Report No.: 06

Highlights of the Situation		
	Affected people	575,592
	Displaced (Total)	8,370
	Welfare centers	110
	Dead	213
	Missing	77
	Injured	155
	Houses destroyed	3,115
	Partially damaged	19,996

Source: DMC SitRep at 12:00hrs 12th June 2017

General overview (for EXTERNAL use)

The onset of the southwest monsoon over the country has brought heavy rainfall since 25 May 2017 to the South, South-western and Western regions of Sri Lanka. Major floods and over 21 landslides have occurred due to the intensive rain received from 25th to 26th of May 2017. Rainfall has been over 573mm in some of the locations.

As per the latest situation report shared by the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) of Sri Lanka on 12th June 2017, 575,592 people or 147,920 families have been affected in 124 Divisions in 11 districts. A total of 8,370 people or 2,344 families have been displaced and they are currently accommodated in 110 evacuation centers.

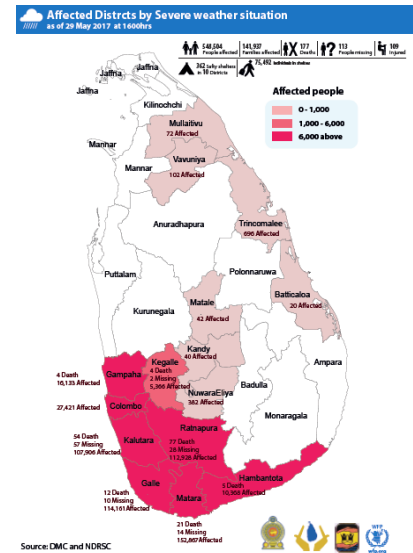
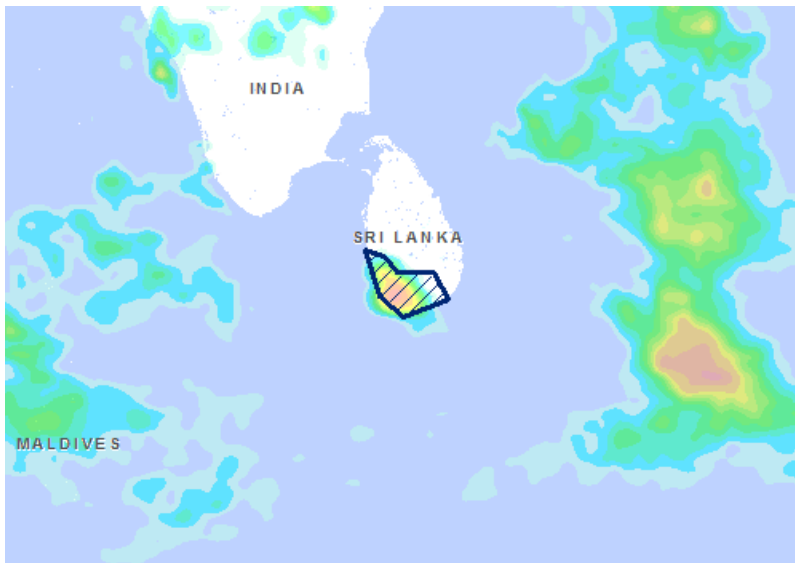
The worst affected districts are Galle (14,448 people), Matara (120,372 people), Kalutara (193,074 people), Ratnapura (213,193 people) and Colombo (25,032). All the above districts are none programs areas for ChildFund. The Army, Navy and Air Force together with Police are carrying out search and rescue operations and distribution of essential items.

No security threats of danger to humanitarian workers are reported. Accessibility for transport services are improving with the subsiding of flood water. Normal social functions have been disturbed in the affected areas and government and humanitarian agencies are making needful interventions.

While average rainfall is beginning to decrease, landslide watch warnings are in effect for Ratnapura, Kegalle, Galle, Kalutara, Matara, Hambantota and Nuwara Eliya districts. Several spells of showers are expected to occur in the sea areas off the coast extending from Colombo to Hambantota via Galle. Winds are expected to be south westerly in direction with a speed of 30-40kmph. Sea area off the coast extending from Puttalam to Trincomalee via Mannar and Kankasanthurai, and from Hambantota to Puttivil can be rough with possible increase in wind speed to 60kmph. In other areas of the island wind speed could increase to 50kmph, according to a 24 hour weather forecast issued noon today by the Meteorology Department.

Electricity, water and telecommunication supply have been normalized in some areas. While temporary shelters in some areas have closed, **110 centers are still operating** where displaced people are staying in schools and community centers which are being used as temporary shelters. Many people are also staying with friends and relatives but these numbers are unknown.

The Map of affected areas,



Web link to access photos and maps from the Disaster Management Center of Sri Lanka

<https://gicait.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f1ea1aa639614a18893224a363905c84>

The Government initially identified food, water and non-food items (NFIs) as priorities based on previous emergencies. With access gradually being restored, field teams from UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and the International Federation of the Red Cross confirmed that emergency shelter, NFIs, water, sanitation and hygiene, and health services are key immediate needs in the worst-affected divisions in Galle, Kalutara, Matara and Ratnapura.

Overview of ChildFund response (for EXTERNAL use)

In relation to ChildFund Sri Lanka’s program areas, Hambantota is the only affected district within ChildFund’s Local Partner operational areas. Here, 10,368 people in 2,409 families in 12 divisions have been affected. So far, no displacements have been reported within the divisions that ChildFund is operating. 80 people who were displaced have returned home. One staff member working with RAAF (ChildFund’s Partner in Hambantota) and living in Galle has been affected. However, the situation in Hambantota district is normal compared to the other affected areas.

ChildFund’s National Emergency Response Team (NERT) team visited Galle one of the worst affected districts and a location outside of ChildFund’s program areas on 3rd June and 7th June,

for an initial assessment of the situation and possible interventions and locations for actions. ChildFund met with head of the District Secretariat and of Divisional Secretariats about responding through its core area, protection and psycho-social support through child centered spaces in emergencies. The response was positive and welcome. ChildFund also met with the community and have also identified a possible local organization that can implement the program on the ground.

ChildFund is now preparing to respond in Galle. As a child-centered organization with 33 years of presence in the country, it seems in the best interests of the organization in terms of its visibility and reputation to respond as maybe possible outside its covered areas. Save the Children, Oxfam, World Vision and Plan are all mounting response outside their covered areas from what we learn.

ChildFund Sri Lanka volunteered to be the co-lead together with UNICEF and Save the Children for the Protection sector group. ChildFund will focus on xx divisions in the Galle District which are the hardest hit areas there.

District	No. of Divisions affected	Number of People Affected	Number of Families Affected	Number of Children Affected	Number of Enrolled Children Affected
Galle	19 divisions	102,747 (as at today)	25,692 (as at today)	49,948	Non Sponsorship Area

ChildFund’s Proposed Response Program

Recognizing the dynamics involved in the nature of the disaster and the resulting challenges faced by the affected population, ChildFund Sri Lanka is focusing on launching a 60-day response program to provide child protection in selected areas of the Galle district.

The key approach will be the use of Child Centered Spaces (CCS) and protection services aimed at providing psychosocial support for affected children till they recover from immediate shock and trauma. ChildFund believes that it currently has the capacity to operate 6 CCSs: camp-based or non-camp based, in six locations, to serve 600 children. Parallel to the implementation of CCSs, ChildFund will work to mobilize community leaders to activate community based child protection mechanisms in the areas of operation. This is expected to create a more vigilant and supportive community to achieve maximum outcomes in terms of child protection during the emergency.

Based on the devastation that has occurred in the schools and the financial resources mobilized by ChildFund, ChildFund Sri Lanka is determined to expand its response for recovery activities in schools located in the Nagoda DS division where the CCSs will be operating.

An emergency response proposal with budget and concept note have been circulated for review to Alliance members who may be interested in supporting this response.

Response of Government, UN and other Agencies

The Government initially identified water and non-food items (NFIs) as priorities based on previous emergencies. The Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs is currently carrying out a needs assessment to plan mid-to-long term recovery, reconstruction and development programs. Initial estimates indicate that priority areas include the implementation of mitigation and prevention programs, the reconstruction of housing, roads and schools, and the renovation of electricity and water networks.

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Ensuring that protection is mainstreamed across the sectoral responses is a priority, alongside education in emergencies since many schools are damaged or currently being used as safe locations. To complement the ongoing Government-led response, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) is seeking US\$22.7 million to address the critical life-saving and protection needs of 374,000 people in seven districts from 1 June to 31 October 2017. The six focus sectors are: Health, Food Security & Nutrition, Emergency Shelter and NFI, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Education and Protection, as per the Sri Lanka Response Plan issued by the HCT on 2nd June 2017. (Related report was shared with SitRep 4). As of 8 June, a total of 23 agencies are currently implementing health, protection, education, food security, WASH, emergency shelter and NFIs and early recovery activities in nine districts. (The relevant 3W report with annex A was shared in Sit rep 5).

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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 the above plan comes in action.

2. Partnership and coordination

- ChildFund Sri Lanka has engaged with ADRA and Muslim Aid to implement Emergency Response actions in Galle
- ChildFund Sri Lanka has reached an informal partnership with Saviya Development Foundation, (a reputed CSO in Galle which has staff who are trained in implementing child friendly space programs) to implement the Emergency Response project in Galle. This partnership will be formalized with the commencement of the ER project.

3. Program (that are being done by ChildFund)

Sector	Actions
Child Protection	6 CCSs with a target of 600 children aged between 3 to 15 years in the Nagoda division in Galle district.
	Strengthening of community based child protection mechanisms in 6 villages in the Nagoda division in Galle
Education	Recovery and restoration support to 1 affected school
	Distribution of 600 'back to school' kits in the Nagoda division in Galle district

4. Staffing : 1 staff, ER Field Coordinator

Major HR issues: Not yet reported.

Visits: Visited Galle district on 3rd June and 7th June 2017
 Asia Regional DRM Focal Person from India has arrived in Sri Lanka and is due to visit field shortly. Child Protection Specialist from Philippines due to arrive at ChildFund SL country office on 12th June.

Departures: As usual

Arrivals: As usual

Staff on the Ground:

1. Person1 Darshana Thilakarathna, ER Field Coordinator in Galle

5. Donors

Proposals and concept note submitted:

Donor	Program	Amount
ChildFund Alliance	Emergency Response Intervention for Flood Affected Children and Families in Galle District	\$ 139,000.00

Confirmed funding:






Donor	Program	Amount (USD)
ChildFund New Zealand	Emergency Response Intervention for Flood Affected Children and Families in Galle District	\$ 60,000.00
ChildFund Germany	Emergency Response Intervention for Flood Affected Children and Families in Galle District	\$ 25,000.00
ChildFund Australia	Emergency Response Intervention for Flood Affected Children and Families in Galle District	\$ 19,000.00
EAF ChildFund International	Emergency Response Intervention for Flood Affected Children and Families in Galle District	\$ 20,000.00





ChildFund Korea	Emergency Response Intervention for Flood Affected Children and Families in Galle District	\$ 15,000.00
Total		\$ 139,000.00

6. Finance

7. Media/Communications : Himang Jayasundara, Communication officer Mobile: - 0094773352454 and E mail: - HJayasundera@ChildFund.org

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<p>Photos</p>	<p>More photos on Media Bank</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;">  <p data-bbox="586 646 1446 709">A badly affected school in Galle, where the wall has also completely collapsed</p>  <p data-bbox="586 995 919 1026">A home affected by floods</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;">  <div data-bbox="873 1026 1385 1119"> <p>Bank books and other important documents are all soaked in flood water and mostly illegible for this lady</p> </div> </div>  <p data-bbox="586 1461 1398 1524">Books and reports have been hung up to dry on a wall in a flood affected school</p>  <p data-bbox="1073 1818 1422 1850">Wind and rain create havoc</p> </div>

Resources	What's available	URL
		 <p>Flood relief items from ADRA are now in storage, and will be distributed by ChildFund.</p>  <p>A large number of destroyed books and resource material lie strewn outside one of the worst affected schools we visited.</p>  <p>ChildFund hope to re-equip this school computer center where all the computers were damaged in the floods.</p>  <p>Time stands still on this school clock after the floods.</p>

Resources	What's available	URL
Case studies		
Press releases		
Blogs		
Press coverage	Article on Daily FT newspaper Sri Lanka	http://www.ft.lk/article/619942/ChildFund-Alliance-responds-to-floods-in-Sri-Lanka
Videos		

8. Next steps

- Signing of Agreement with Partner in Galle for ER Project
- Development Procurement Plan
- Conducting of CCS Training for Facilitators
- SitReps will develop in weekly basis and will send every Monday.