

Call for donations to help flood victims in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is facing one of the worst natural disasters since the Tsunami of December 2004, in the form of severe floods and landslides following the torrential rain during the last two weeks. The affected areas lie mostly in the Western, Southwestern and Southern parts of the country. As of 5th June, an estimated 684,000 persons in 15 districts are affected. A total of 212 deaths have been confirmed and 79 people remain missing. The number of damaged buildings has increased: 2,500 houses have been destroyed and 15,890 are partially damaged.

Despite some criticism of government relief and rescue operations, there has been a massive mobilization of volunteers, particularly among young people through the coordination of social media networks. But there are significant problems addressing medium and long-term issues faced by the affected people. As is so often the case, the worst affected are the poor, in this case the rural poor, in particular. They will find it very difficult to re-build their previous lives.

Hence, our fund-raising initiative focuses on the medium term needs of the rural poor. It is intended to make a contribution to ongoing efforts toward educating the children of these rural poor communities. Funds will be utilized for the benefit of the affected people from worst affected areas with the help of an organization of young volunteers who are working towards the improvement of education among underprivileged groups. The organization, Education Renaissance Program, has already consented to cooperate with us. You can learn more about them on their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ERPLanka/>

Please send your donations to the following account:

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