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Dear Friends,

Appeal: Emergency Flood Relief Batticaloa District

Over the last several days the Batticaloa has been hit by the worst floods in over 50 years. Heavy rains has led to severe flooding in several communities, and the release of waters from reservoirs to prevent breaches in their banks has led to the lagoon level rising and swamping roads and residential areas. Several areas of Batticaloa town itself have been flooded with lagoon waters, road links to Batticaloa were cut, and numerous villages were forced to evacuate. Only now has road communication been restored and is significant relief work possible.

The latest information we have received from official disaster management sources are that 232,571 people have been displaced and 144 welfare centres have been set up. Local government officials have appealed to NGO's and community organizations to support emergency and subsequent relief work.

The CACM would like to participate by providing emergency and relief supplies of dried foods, clothes and mosquito nets to families as they return to their homes. We would like to support 1,000 families. We have also been requested to provide well cleaning support in certain localities. The anticipated costs are:

1. Package per family Rs.6,235 x 1,000 families	= Rs.6,235,000
2. Transport	= Rs.150,000
3. Well Cleaning	= Rs.100,000
Total	= Rs. 6,485,000

Please see the attached budget for details.

We need to provide this assistance very quickly so if you would like to support this work can you kindly send your funds to:

Account Name: CACM Eastern Regional Project
Account Number: 1105037386
Bank: Commercial Bank
Branch: Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
Swift Code: CCEYLKLX

When you send funds please immediately send an email to: cacmprojects@gmail.com and indicate the amount given, and please copy it to cacmission@gmail.com. Please also state if you would be happy with your name and contribution being listed when we make a public acknowledgement of the funds received or if you would like your contribution to be anonymous. In the final report we will also inform donors if there were any changes in the help provided due to government officials' requests and changing needs.

On this day when Tamils celebrate Thai Pongal to rejoice in the bounty of the fields we ask that you remember these thousands of people in this district and elsewhere in the island who are displaced from their homes, who have lost their crops and those who have also tragically lost their loved ones.

Yours Sincerely,
Darshan Ambalavanar