

**SEVABHARATHI
KERALA FLOOD
REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**
“TO REBUILD GOD’S OWN COUNTRY”



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INTRODUCTION

Kerala is facing one of the biggest flood calamities in the recent years. The 2018 Kerala floods were a result of the unusually severe southwest monsoon. Almost all dams were opened at a time in Kerala and all five gates of the Idukki Dam were opened at the same time for the first time in history. Heavy continuous rain in almost all districts makes big disasters in the entire state. More than 3000 relief camps have been opened by the Government at various locations to accommodate the flood victims. More than 42000 hectares of crops were destroyed and 2.6 lakhs farmers affected due to flood and landslides. 10,000 km roads were damaged and 221 bridges totally collapsed. 55 lakh persons in 775 villages were affected by the floods and preliminary assessment of loss is at Rs19,512 crores.

Sevabharathi as a socially committed voluntary organization is actively involving in the flood relief works throughout the state. More than 350 Sevabharathi units and 1,61,605 volunteers engaged in the relief works in the entire state for rescue, relief and cleaning activities. More than 652 medical camps were conducted in the flood-affected areas in different parts of the state. More medical camps are planning to be organized in the coming days. 420 relief camps were directly maintained by Sevabharathi with the support of well-wishers and volunteers in which food, accommodation, and medical services are provided to the flood-affected people. More than 75 Ambulances of Sevabharathi is engaged in the flood relief work in different areas. Thousands of common people are joining hands with Sevabharathi to support these initiatives and the organization is mobilizing cloths, food grains, drinking water bottles and other requirements from the public to serve the affected people. 300 collection centers were opened to collect the materials from the public and to arrange the transportation to relief places. The organization is continuing its services in the field to support the people to retrain their living standard.



NEED ASSESMENT SURVEY

The need assessment survey was conducted by Sevabharathi in the entire state and finalized various interventions area. Total of 17 areas has been identified for the rehabilitation of flood-affected people in the state. The organization has also prioritized a few areas for immediate assistance and to reach the affected people to retain their normal life. Following are the areas identified for immediate interventions:-

❖ *Construction of new house*

Thousands of families lost their shelter due to the recent flood and landslide in the state. Many of the people are still staying in the relief camps and in other temporary arrangements. The organization has identified 466 houses in the state which requires immediate assistance for reconstructing the house.

❖ *Purchase of Land property*

In the landslide affected areas majority of the existing land property of the household members are not appropriate for the reconstruction. Since these places are declared as the flood/landslide prone area the concern government department denies the building permission to reconstruct the house in the same land. The family needs to be shifted to other place and identify the new land property to construct the house.

❖ *House repairing*

As per the government available data, more than one lakh house is damaged due to the recent flood in the state. These houses need to repair immediately to have a safe and comfortable accommodation. Sevabharathi as per the need assessment survey identified 674 such houses which required immediate assistance for repairing and maintenance work.

❖ *Other Building construction/repairing*

Thousands of buildings, shops, business centers etc have been collapsed due to the flood and landslide. These damages directly affected the live hood of the people and they are facing a severe financial crisis. Only if any external support is extended to these families they will be able to retain their living standard. Sevabharathi has identified and shortlisted 661 such building in the state which need immediate assistance.



The district wise data is here below:-

SI No	District Name	Fully Damaged House	Partially Damaged House	Other buildings	TOTAL
1	Pathanamthita	39	11	10	60
2	Alapuzha	186	478	619	1283
3	Kottayam	27	107	1	135
4	Idukki	14	0	0	14
5	Ernakulam	62	25	8	95
6	Thrissur	72	20	20	112
7	Palakkad	23	33	2	58
8	Malappuram	5	0	1	6
9	Kozhikide	1	0	0	1
10	Kannur	6	0	0	6
11	Wayand	31	0	0	31
	TOTAL	466	674	661	1801

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The overall coordination of the programme will be done by Deseeya Sevabharathi Keralam. One member organization from each district will be selected for implementing the project in each district. The assigned member organization will be in charge of monitoring the day to day activities of the construction work and implementing the project activities at the grass root level.

PROPOSED BUDGET ALLOCATION

- ❖ The budget proposed for construction of a new house is estimated as Rupees 7 Lakhs.
- ❖ The average budget proposed to purchase land is estimated as Rupees 3 lakhs.
- ❖ The average budget proposed for the house repairing is estimated as Rs 3 lakhs. The budget for each house varies, based on the damage occurred.
- ❖ The average budget proposed for construction & repairing of other buildings is estimated as Rs 5 lakhs. The budget for each building varies, based on the damage occurred.





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