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Mercy Relief responds to flood-hit Kerala with first phase of disaster relief

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SINGAPORE, 19 August 2018– Mercy Relief, Singapore’s leading independent disaster relief agency, will be deploying a disaster response team to the Indian state of Kerala where heavy rains have caused some of the region’s worst flooding in nearly a century. According to Kerala’s chief minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, at least 300 people have died as a result of the monsoon floods in the past two weeks. More than 300,000 people have been displaced since August 8, the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) officials said on Friday evening, adding that 2,600 villages have been flooded.

The team will be departing from Singapore tomorrow to conduct the first phase of emergency relief operations and will be working with its ground partners to ascertain the urgent needs of the disaster survivors. Mercy Relief will be distributing food packs which include staples such as rice, wheat, dal, salt, sugar, cooking oil and biscuits.

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Headquartered in Singapore, Mercy Relief was established in 2003 to respond to human tragedies and disasters in Asia Pacific. Today, we are Singapore’s leading independent disaster relief agency with dedicated leadership, capacity building expertise and an affiliate network operating across the entire disaster management cycle.

Mercy Relief provides emergency aid within 72 hours of an international appeal in the aftermath of a disaster. The objective of our longer-term sustainable development programmes is to uplift and empower communities in five key areas: water and sanitation, shelter, sustainable livelihoods, healthcare and education. For the past fifteen years, Mercy Relief has responded to more than 63 human tragedies with more than $33.3 million in relief across 25 countries. We have implemented more than 50 sustainable development initiatives and impacted an aggregate of over 2 million lives.

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