

ASIA PACIFIC ALLIANCE FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT SRI LANKA (A-PAD SL)

Date : 27 May 2017

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HIGHLIGHTS

As of 27 May 2017, in accordance to the Situation Report produced by the DMC, approximately **230,571** persons have been recorded as affected in **14 Districts**.

122 deaths have been reported island wide due to the landslide and flooding. **415,618** persons are currently residing in temporary safe locations.

- ❖ The MDM and the DMC has issued warnings for residents living in Galle, Matara, Kegalle, Kalutara and the Hambantota District to evacuate immediately.
- ❖ Southwest monsoon conditions will develop over the country in the next 48 hours.
- ❖ 1200 security personnel are been deployed for Search and Rescue, and Evacuation operations in affected areas.
- ❖ The SL Navy has informed that 2047 persons have been rescued thus far.

District	Affected (Families/persons)	Deaths/Missing/Injured	Houses damaged	Remarks
Trincomalee	206 (696 persons)		03 fully 188 partially	24 safe locations 950 in safe location
Batticaloa	04 (20 persons)		01 fully 03 partially	High wind
Kegalle	1439 (5262 persons)	02 / 06 / 02	09 fully 54 partially	22 safe locations 2661 persons
Ratnapura	12038 (50119 persons)	51 / 02 / 05	15 fully 195 partially	119 safe locations 32,534 persons
Kalutara	20,936 (77,393 persons)	42 / 26 / 68	47 fully, 759 partially	41 safe location 5003 persons
Gampaha	8155 (34,357 persons)	03 / 01	02 fully, 55 partially	43 safe locations 21,918 persons
Colombo	5567 (21,370 persons)	02	07 fully 25 partially	28 locations 5225 persons
Matara	20,123 (80,059 persons)	11 / 01 / 17		20 locations 17,140 persons
Galle	36,314 (142,149 persons)	08 / 02 / 05	74 fully 177 partially	06 locations 1218 persons
Hambantota	1073 (3827 persons)	05 / 08	23 fully 88 partially	08 locations 938 persons
Mullaitivu	26 (70 persons)		05 fully 11 partially	
Vavuniya	31 (102 persons)		1 fully 22 partially	
Kandy	09 (40 persons)		09 partially	
Matale	07 (31 persons)	01	06 partially	

Source: EOC, Disaster Management Centre

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SITUATION UPDATE

- H.E. The President chaired a meeting at Kalutara District Secretariat this morning. The Government plans to provide houses for the families that have lost their homes.
- DMC issue evacuation notices to disaster prone areas.
- Southern highway also now affected with minor floods near Dodangoda area towards Colombo. However, vehicle movement has not been restricted.



Southern Highway near Dodangoda

- Mr. Atul Keshap, US Ambassador for Sri Lanka, informed that the United States will be providing emergency assistance worth Rs. 15 million to the office of USAID and the US Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) for immediate relief to those affected.
- Pakistan High Commission has also informed that necessary relief good with be provided upon the finalization of required items.
- The Government of India dispatched a ship that reached this morning at the Port, in Colombo. Relief items were sent to affected communities and further ships from India will be dispatched in the next few days.



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WEATHER ALERTS

Although the heavy rain condition has reduced temporarily, shower conditions will increase over Southwestern parts of Sri Lanka from 29 May 2017.

- Showers or thundershowers will occur at times in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Central and North-western provinces.
- Heavy falls (about 100mm) to be expected in some regions.
- Showers or thundershowers will occur at several places on 27 May 2017, in the Eastern and Uva Provinces.
- Strong winds up to 50-60kmph are expected and may strengthen during showers.
- General public to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightening act.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Army, Navy and Air Force are currently engaged in rescue operations deploying special boats and helicopters. **Seals Volunteer Emergency Response Team (SVERT)**, in partnership with A-PAD SL are currently on ground and are available to provide assistance.

A-PAD SL in collaboration with **SVERT**, **SL Tri-Forces**, and **government officials** have been assisting with the search and rescue operations. **SVERT** includes a medical team from Ministry of Health Bulathsinghala and Badurueliya to provide medical assistance to the displaced. A-PAD SL also coordinated and facilitated arrangements for Government Medical Officers' Association to send out boats.

Urgent Needs: [as of 27 May 2017]

Water bottles

Dry Rations

New Clothes

Medical Items

Drop Off Point: A-PAD Head Office [24, Kassapa Road, Colombo 05]

SVERT - Contact Information:

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Mr. Firzan Hashim with SVERT Team and Tri-Forces



SVERT Team departing for rescue operations



Boats been prepared for SAR operations



EMERGENCY RESPONSES FOR ANIMALS

Adopt a Dog SL, Embark and Rescuing Animals in Disasters (RAD SL), including A-PAD SL, have created a special team to coordinate the emergency responses for animals. Boats have been secured and assistance can be provided to requests. **Embark** rescued two dogs in Kelaniya District last evening.

Please follow the Facebook Page for further assistance:

<https://www.facebook.com/RescuingAnimalsinDisastersSL/?fref=nf>

Contact Information:

RAD SL - 0777 449 729

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Through the situation reports and circulars been disseminated to members, several organisations have come forward to donate the necessary.

Action:

- **Mr. Adheesha Perera, NTB**, provided a kind donation of 113 water bottles that was immediately dispatched to several areas.
- With the support of **Ms. Anusha Alles, Brandix**, A-PAD SL is purchasing water bottles from **Cargills Ceylon (PLC)** to be distributed to affected districts by air, through the SLAF.

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- **Cargills Ceylon (PLC)** provided a discounted rate to purchase items and transported the water bottles at no cost.
- **Ms. Ronali Perera, MAS Intimates**, has also provided a donation to purchase urgent relief items for the community.



Mr. Adheesha Perera, NTB, handing over 113 water bottles to be distributed to affected communities



Cargills Ceylon PLC delivering water bottles to SLAF base



Through the cash donation from Brandix, water bottles were purchased from Cargills Ceylon PLC to be distributed to affected communities

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COLLABORATION WITH PICKME

“PickMe” is a taxi phone application that is available on Android, IOS and Windows Phone platform. In the May 2016 floods and landslides, PickMe assisted the Government and the SL Tri-Forces in search and rescue operations.

Following the floods and landslides May 2017, the SOS addition was designed by PickMe team and was implemented from 26 May 2017 pm hours. Mr. Mohammed Faththi, and PickMe team installed call centre displays for use by DMC operators. They were further provided an awareness training for the DMC operators.

Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) rescue operations centre was also introduced to PickMe by A-PAD and the application was further briefed. SLAF is extensively using the outcome of this initiative to rescue stranded people by helicopters.

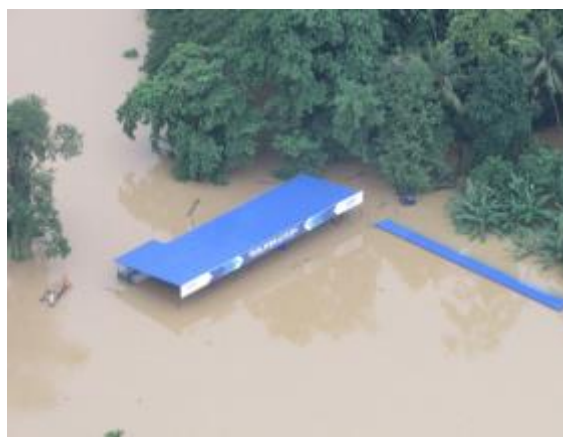


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COLLABORATION WITH DIALOG

The telecommunications services play vital role especially during disaster stricken times and thus Dialog Axiata PLC joining hands with A-PAD Sri Lanka is currently in the process of initiating a Disaster Relief Program. A-PAD SL is providing information and which is being fed into a system.

AERIAL VIEW OF DISASTER



A-PAD CONTACT INFORMATION

A-PAD Sri Lanka is coordinating information, facilitating emergency responses and is collecting and providing relief items. Should you wish to donate, volunteer or enquire further on the above information, please contact the A-PAD Team below.

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