

ISKCON Tsunami Flood Disaster Appeal

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Hare Krishna.

As you have no doubt heard, the tidal wave that hit the coastal regions of India and South Asia has taken over 70,000 lives and displaced 1 million people. Thousands of families in India are grief-stricken at losing loved ones. Many have lost their homes and do not know where to sleep; others have lost their shops, businesses and livelihoods. Entire villages have been wiped out and many thousands of people are scrambling for food, water, medicines and clothes.

The scale of this tragedy is so immense that it demands the largest relief effort in human history. Our Bhaktivedanta Hospital immediately dispatched a specialist team of doctors, paramedics, cooks and devotee helpers to the affected region. This relief work by ISKCON Bombay has already saved many lives and made a real difference to the worst affected people in the state of Tamil Nadu.

The World Health Organisation has estimated that the death toll will double due to the spread of disease in the wake of the tragedy. However, our resources are limited and aid is only just beginning to trickle in. We urgently need more funds for blankets, drinking water, medicines, tents and food supply. Our doctors are working round the clock to save the injured and they urgently need your support to continue saving thousands of lives.

As explained in the Panchatantra, those endowed with compassion and kindness in their hearts look upon the whole world as their family: *vasudhaiva kutumbakam*. In keeping with this lofty tradition, we appeal to you for your heartfelt support. Please make an urgent donation to help save the lives of our extended family members. Every moment delayed is another life lost. Many human lives depend on your generosity.

Please send your cheque payable to "ISKCON–Tsunami Flood Appeal", Bhaktivedanta Manor, ISKCON, Dharam Marg, off Hilfield Lane, Aldenham, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD25 8EZ. You can also donate by VISA/Mastercard. For further information contact myself on 07713 133313, or Bhakta Milind on 07720 843099, email: bhakta.milind@pamho.net.

Yours in the service of Lord Krishna,

Pranabandhu das

Flood Appeal Coordinator