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தமிழர் நலவாழ்வு நிறுவனம் - ஐக்கிய இராச்சியம்
Tamils Health Organization - United Kingdom

Re: Help Chennai - Flood Appeal

ஆரோக்கியமான சமுதாயத்தை நோக்கி
Towards a healthy nation

Dear Sirs and Madams,

As many of you will be aware, the city of Chennai in South India is currently suffering from devastating unprecedented floods and its people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Tamils Health Organization (THO) strongly believes that we, the Tamil Diaspora, have a moral obligation to help our brethren in Tamil Nadu, during their time of need. Tamil Nadu was the first place of refuge for those fleeing the civil war in Sri Lanka, and more than 100,000 Eelam Tamils continue to be sheltered in Tamil Nadu, including 60,000 in refugee camps.

In response to this catastrophe, THO has launched an emergency appeal, urging the whole Tamil community, friends and well-wishers, to unite in extending their support to the people of Chennai.

Sadly, the death toll passed 280 on Saturday 5th December, and millions of people continue to be in desperate need of shelter, food and medicine. Food stocks have been exhausted and drinking water has become scarce leaving the poor the worst affected. Also, many hospitals have had to be evacuated.

We have decided to extend our support through the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund of the State Government of Tamil Nadu. Donations will be accepted electronically using *Virgin money giving* (<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com>) from any part of the world. Gift aid will also allow the charity to receive an additional 25% of the value of your donation. No cash will be accepted directly by our volunteers.

1. Go to **uk.virginmoneygiving.com**
2. Select **Make a Donation** from the top row
3. Go to Column on the right **Donate to charity**
4. Enter Tamils (Not Tamil) for Tamils Health Organisation
5. Follow the instruction to Make a donation
6. Please do sign the Gift Aid declaration reclaim tax on your donation.
7. Please Donate generously

THO will be collecting clothes to send to Chennai, from Monday 7th December until Sunday 13th December at Nakshatra Hall, Snakey Lane, Feltham, Greater London, TW13 7NA (next to the garden centre).

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As a registered charity, THO has facilitated enormous tasks in the past for the flood victims in the North and Eastern provinces of Sri Lanka. THO is accountable to the Charity Commission and our financial records for the past ten years are publically available to view on their website:
<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/CharityWithoutPartB.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=1112612&SubsidiaryNumber=0>

Once again we appeal to you to act with a generous spirit and extend your support for the people of Chennai, who have been affected by this natural disaster.

Your Sincerely,

Dr. Arumugam Puvinathan

Chairman – on behalf of Tamils Health Organisation