

Dear everyone,

From 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2018, severe floods affected the south Indian state of Kerala, due to unusual high rainfall during the monsoon season. It was the worst flood in Kerala nearly a century. Over 483 people died, and 14 are missing. About a million people were evacuated. All 14 districts of the state were placed on red alert. According to the Kerala government, one-sixth of the total population of Kerala had been directly affected by the flood and related incidents. The Government of India had declared it a Level 3 Calamity, or "calamity of a severe nature". It is the worst flood in Kerala after the great flood of 99 that took place in 1924.

Thirty-five out of the fifty-four dams within the state were opened, for the first time in history. All five overflow gates of the Idukki Dam were opened at the same time, and for the first time in 26 years 5 gates of the Malampuzha dam of Palakkad were opened. Heavy rain in Wayanad and Idukki have caused severe landslides and have left the hilly districts isolated.

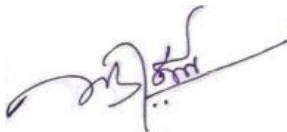
The situation was regularly monitored by the Prime Minister, and the National Crisis Management Committee coordinated the rescue and relief operations.

HRDS has taken an initiative to rescue and support the victims of Kerala flood. Our volunteer team was willingly involved and shown their dedication to rescue and collected basic needed things for the people. On the other hand, with the coordination of UAE NGO "Wings of God" and Amity University students in Delhi have collected needed things. Likewise, we have conducted campaigns in several places of Kerala and distributed those materials to the people.

Here I would like to thank people those who are supporting in various forms. Especially for the UAE NGO "Wings of God" who has sent us three container of stuffs. Also appreciate the HRDS INDIA team and DDU-GKY students whose contributions are unforgettable.

Once again thank you everyone.

Yours Sincerely,



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