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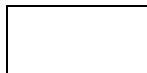
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YES India Network-Tsunami Disaster Relief Appeal

Dear Friends,

You must be all aware of the calamity that has struck the Asian region. There are no words to express the suddenness of the calamity and the havoc and loss it has created in the lives of thousands of people in South and South East Asia. I especially coming from Madras have been hearing of many people having died along the coast. The people who have died include many Fishermen, women and children and morning joggers along the beach here. From Madras to the southern tip of Kanyakumari has seen a loss of over 6,500 lives and more than 1,000s still missing. The governments are trying to determine the loss of lives and damage across several villages and habitations in both Tamil Nadu and other states. Hundreds of Hindu and Christian pilgrims who went to take a holy dip following Christmas near the famous temple town of Velankanni in Nagapattinam District of Tamil Nadu (Shrine of Holy Mother Mary) were also engulfed by the killer waves.

I was in Chennai since it was a Christmas weekend. Earlier in the day, we had been rudely awakened from our sleep at 6:30 AM by tremors that lasted for 10 seconds. We were shaken up and traumatized by the few seconds it lasted. As the day progressed we kept hearing the impact of the earthquake off the coast of Indonesia that triggered huge tsunamis – killer tidal waves that struck Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and India, the worst affected so far. It has also killed lives in Myanmar, Malaysia and Somalia.



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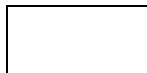
Collaborating Institutions: During this time of humanitarian crisis, the YES India Network along with YES Tamil Nadu Network has set up a coordination centre at Chennai along with a Chennai based Youth NGO called Youth for Environment and Sanitation (YES International) to take the much needed relief materials to the affected regions of coastal Tamil Nadu.

Note: The feedback from the affected people is that there is a surplus of used clothes, which the victims really don't need. New clothes are welcome.

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Tents for temporary accommodation
2. Medicines
3. Vessels
4. Bathing soap
5. Cooking stove kerosine type
6. Cooking vessels for rice, sambar (lentil based soup-South Indian staple)
7. Plastic vessels for storing water like tubs, "kudams", buckets etc
8. Drinking water
9. Mats, pillows, blankets (new)
10. Gloves and masks for volunteers
11. ORS (ORAL REHYDRATION SALTS) 10000
12. BLEACHING POWDER 100 BAGS
13. CHLORINE TABLETS 1000
14. CIPROFLOX =+TINIDALOLE TABLETS 10000
15. INJECTION TAXIM 1000
16. CEFIXIME TABLETS 10000
17. DOXYCYCLINE TABLETS 10000
18. DETOL SOLUTION 10 LIT
19. PHENYL SOLUTION 100 LIT
20. INJECTION SYRINGES 2 CC AND 5 CC 2000
21. IV SET 1000
22. REDOTIL TAB 1000

Future Efforts: The next phase is *resettlement, rebuilding and rehabilitation*. Several survivors from coastal villages are refusing to go back to their sea-side villages and are living in camps/school buildings etc. The sanitation situation is desperate. A coordinated effort for rebuilding and rehabilitation is what we really need now. We are also working with groups that are looking into reconstruction, rehabilitation, and restoration of normal life for those who survived and have lost all their possessions.



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Areas working in currently: So if you would like to be part of this, please let me know. We are particularly focusing on 4 fishing villages of *Kovalam, Nemilikuppam, Ennore and Kasimedu* in Chennai and near Chennai. We have got them some kind of immediate relief of food, water, clothings and temporary shelters. But after that these people need to regain their confidence, overcome their loss and get back to their livelihoods. Most of the fishermen have lost their nets and boats. And women who were selling fishes have lost their savings, which would have helped them to continue with their business. With no fishing happening now, most of these women have lost their livelihoods. If you would like to be a volunteer to help in relief/reconstruction work or send relief materials to the affected tsunami victims, please feel free to contact them/me. During this time of distress, we request you to keep all the affected people in your thoughts and prayers. Let us hope for a new year of peace with oneself, with nature and with people

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

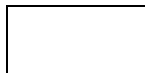
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