



USLA

United Sri Lanka Association Incorporated

Dear Friends,

You all must have heard about the devastating floods in Sri Lanka. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced from their homes by floodwaters and landslides after a major storm hammered Sri Lanka. Current estimates are that at least 37 people have died and 137 are missing after three days of incessant rains that came just a couple of weeks before the monsoon season. Emergency workers have been rescuing people trapped in their homes by rising waters. Fields and streets are submerged throughout the country. The Colombo-based Disaster Management Center says 223,687 people have been affected by the floods and landslides. Some 200,000 people are currently being housed in hundreds of welfare centers across the country.

After the Ranaviru meeting, the USLA Management Committee (MC) held an emergency meeting and decided to lead a campaign to help those affected in Sri Lanka. The MC decided to address the immediate needs of those affected first, and then plan a fund-raising effort to help the rebuilding of their lives. USLA has already contacted the disaster management agencies in Sri Lanka, and has been told that they would like to have the following items soon:

SUMMER CLOTHING, SHOES, BED LINEN, CLEAN TOWELS, CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, NEW UNDERGARMENTS FOR BOYS & GIRLS, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTH BRUSHES, MILK POWDER, SUGAR, PILLOWS, SANITARY PADS FOR WOMEN & BABIES, CANNED FOODS, DRY RATIONS, NOODLE PACKETS, BISCUITS, PANADOL, PLASTERS & OTHER FIRST AID ITEMS.

Once the above items are collected, USLA will bear the cost and arrange to transport them to Sri Lanka. If you are able to help with the above items, please contact the following in your area to receive them or can be deposited donation to USLA account.

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USLA Bank Account Details

Bank : ANZ Bank
Account Number : 01-0517-0292026-02
Reference : SL Flood Donation

We will keep you informed of other efforts by USLA to help the flood-stricken people in Sri Lanka.

Yours sincerely,

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