



SRI ARUNODAYAM
Home for Mentally Challenged Destitute

A REPORT ON RELIEF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY SRI ARUNODAYAM AND VOLUNTEERS

CYCLONE GAJA

November 2018



Cyclone Gaja struck in the early hours of Friday, November 16, 2018. Its intense fury was felt most by the villages in the delta region of Tamil Nadu. As torrential rains and gales of up to 120 kmph whipped up a trail of destruction, lakhs of people became homeless, communication lines were disrupted, and crops decimated. It could take months or even years for these places to get back to normal!

Most affected Districts - Nagapattinam, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Pudukkottai, Cuddalore, Trichy and Ramanathapuram.

Destruction: Over 1 lakh electric poles, 1000 transformers, 201 electricity substations, 5000 boats, thousands of cattle and birds, over 18,000 hectares of coconut trees, and around 56,000 hectares of crops and trees.

RELIEF OPERATIONS TIMELINE

Commenced:
November 23rd

Completed:
November 27th

SCOPE OF WORK

- Focussed on 18 areas in 3 Panchayats – namely Edaiyur, Pandi, and Melamarudhur (in Thiruthuraiipoondi Taluk, Thiruvarur District)
- Areas selected based on extent of damage
- Conducted surveys by speaking to families about their most critical needs
- Connected with donors and mobilised support
- Provided each family with **5 Kgs of Rice, ½ Kg Dhal, ½ Kg Oil, Biscuits, Tooth Paste, Candles, Bedsheets, and Mats. Tarpaulin sheets** were provided to homes with damaged roofs
- Covered a total of **1585 families** across 3 Panchayats.
- Area assessment done
- Discussion with families concerning their needs
- Area-wise family lists prepared
- Lists verified by local leaders
- Temporary relief camp office set up at Edaiyur
- Collected/ procured relief materials
- Packing and transportation to Relief Camp Office
- Materials stored at camp and transported to affected areas for distribution
- Distribution times fixed for each village
- Relief kits distributed to families in the presence of village leaders

APPROACH FOLLOWED

AREAS COVERED

| PANCHAYAT | S. NO | AREA NAME | NO. OF FAMILIES |
|---|-------|--|-----------------|
| Edaiyur | 1 | Vandaiyaar Street | 50 |
| | 2 | Manjukottagam | 65 |
| | 3 | Edaiyur Main Road | 80 |
| | 4 | Pudhu Street, and Hostel Street | 125 |
| | 5 | Amman Kovil Street | 40 |
| | 6 | Agasthiyar Kula Street, and Perumal Kovil Street | 75 |
| | 7 | Ammalur South Street | 135 |
| | 8 | Ammalur North Street | 100 |
| | 9 | Chothriyam Village | 175 |
| | 10 | Siyaankottai North Street & Thiruvalluvar Nagar | 55 |
| | 11 | Siyaankottai North Street Extension | 15 |
| | 12 | Agraharam | 55 |
| | 13 | Sivaraman Nagar | 230 |
| | 14 | Kumarapuram Main Road | 25 |
| Pandi | 15 | Pandi | 300 |
| | 16 | Semamangalam | |
| | 17 | Pandi West Street | |
| Melamarudhur | 18 | Melamarudhur | 60 |
| TOTAL NO. OF FAMILIES TO WHOM KITS WERE DISTRIBUTED | | | 1585 |

What was unique about this program?

Relief operations were managed entirely by a group of 22 young volunteers, mobilised from colleges and schools within the local communities that were affected.



FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES

- Received materials at the right time
- Quality of the materials was good
- Distribution was very well organised
- Distribution time informed well in advance
- Every family covered
- Distribution was peaceful and orderly

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