

Cyclone Michaung 2023

**We rise by lifting others.**

– Robert G. Ingersoll



## Cyclone Michaung Outreach 2023

Cyclone Michaung caused havoc with heavy rains, strong winds, and flooding that caused extensive damage to homes, crops, infrastructure, businesses, industries, and more. Chennai reported over 500 mm of rain in 36 hours! The overall damage is estimated at around ₹11,000 crores.

As Sri Arunodayam does in all such times, its team stepped up to offer a helping hand to those most in need. The outreach commenced from our Thanigai Campus that is home to our upcoming aftercare project.

### December 7, 2023 – 80 Kits distributed at our Thanigai Campus in Tiruttani:

Our team distributed 80 kits to families with children with intellectual disabilities and locomotor disabilities, and to the hearing and visually impaired. Each kit contained 5 kgs of rice, 1 kg of toor dhal, 1 bed sheet, 1 towel, 4 toothbrushes, 2 tubes of toothpaste and 2 soaps. Special thanks to Mr. Jayavel, the Thiruvallur District Head of Udhavikaram, Tiruttani, for collecting critical data on the most affected areas/families from the Tiruttani and Pallipattu Talukas.

Between December 7 and 15, 2023, Sri Arunodayam and a team of volunteers distributed 370 kits to tribal families most affected by the cyclone.

**370**

Families

**1500+**

Lives

**9**

Villages

**6**

Talukas



**December 8, 2023 – 50 Kits distributed at Bhagat Singh Nagar Village:** The tribal families in this village saw their houses washed away in the historic flood of 2015. Although they were rescued and the government of the day allocated land for construction, they were not given ownership. Most lived with relatives and in makeshift huts. Having received official ownership now, houses are being constructed with the help of an NGO.



**December 12, 2023 – 50 Kits distributed at RDO Sathya Nagar Village and Golla Kuppam Village:** Sponsored by Mr. Sai Baskar, Sai Baba Temple Pujari /Trustee, Shirdi Sai Baba Dhyana Kendram, each Kit contained 5 kgs of rice, 1 litre of cooking oil, 1 kg of tamarind, 1 kg of rava, 1 kg of semiya, and 1 kg of salt. The families at RDO Sathya Nagar Village are tribal folk and hunters by profession. The families at Golla Kuppam Village were almost marooned as they reside in low lying areas. With the help of NGOs, they are solar powering their streets and homes, and commencing construction of their homes.



**December 14, 2023 – 190 Kits distributed at Illupur Village, Venkatapuram and Velanjeri Villages, Thaazhaveedu Village, and Akkachi Kuppam Village:** Sponsored by Giving Matters Foundation, each kit contained 5 kgs of rice, 2 kgs of toor dhal, 1 litre of cooking oil, 1 kg of sugar, 1 kg of salt, 100 gms of turmeric powder, and 200 gms of Achi kolambu powder. Tribal hunters and agriculturists reside at Illupur village which sits alongside a lake, around 20 kilometers away from Tiruttani. The villagers don't own property, and live in huts. The families at Venkatapuram and Velanjeri villages are not tribals but mixed communities with a high number of widows and people with physical disabilities. The families at Thaazhaveedu village and Akkachi Kuppam village are tribals living in huts. They remain a little isolated and not well connected by road. The nearest town is 10 kilometers away from them.





**December 15, 2023 – Handover to SKNS PMC Vivekananda Vidyalaya Junior College, Perambur: Sri Arunodayam donated 150 mats and 150 bed sheets to this college for distribution to the poor.**



**We thank our sponsors and volunteers for helping us reach out to deserving families. While it's good to be blessed, it's even better to be a blessing!**

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