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Fearsome memories of the deluge haunt Kerala and Karnataka

Even before the memories of the 2018 deluge could fade, another flood hit Kerala and Karnataka within just a year; causing fear and confusion all over the states. The massive destruction caused by the incessant rain, flood and landslides last year was defied when the people of these two states and gracious hearts across India and abroad joined hands. Many warm hearts extended their timely support through service, donations of cash, and materials to rebuild the lives of people torn apart by the calamity.

The Salesians of Don Bosco centralised their relief activities through BREADS, the province development office (PDO) in Bangalore. BREADS coordinated relief activities across states through various Don Bosco institutions in different districts of Kerala and parts of Karnataka. Relief activities were coordinated in three stages:

- Organising of relief camps at Don Bosco institutions and supply of immediate necessities
- Cleaning of houses, electrification of houses and purification of contaminated wells
- Distribution of household articles and livelihood support

Further, BREADS coordinated the construction/renovation of 36 houses affected by the flood in different districts of Kerala.



Director's Note

Exactly a year after the devastating floods of 2018, Karnataka and Kerala states have faced a bout of heavy rains. This time too, numerous lives were lost while lakhs of people were affected by loss of property and livelihood in the floods and landslides. Don Bosco institutions in Hassan, Devadurga, Sultan Bathery, Angadikadavu, Mampetta, Trivandrum and Mannuthy Bhavan reached out to the people with relief materials with the support of BREADS, the development office of the province. BREADS is constructing 36 houses for the victims of last year's flood and in response to this new calamity, some more are planned for this year.

Once again, people everywhere responded with humanitarian promptness to the need of those in distress. We sincerely appreciate your continued solidarity with the flood-affected people of Karnataka and Karnataka.

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BREADS Calendar

August 2019

- CREAM II project monitoring and evaluation visit to four northern districts of Karnataka from 5-8 August
- Visit by Mr. Jan Resutik, CEO SAVIO, Slovakia, on 21 August to train BREADS staff on Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Monitoring and evaluation of BREADS' projects in Trivandrum and Kollam on 26-27 August
- Visit from People's Action for Rural Awakening (PARA) to BREADS Bangalore on 29 August to understand and learn the CREAM programme
- Organisation visit to BREADS by the 3rd year (5th semester) BSW students from the Department of Social Work, Peoples Co-operative Arts and Science College, Munnad, Kasaragod, on 26 August

September 2019

- State-level CREAM Coordinators meeting cum training on 5 September at BREADS Bangalore
- Disaster Management seminar organised by Don Bosco Trichy at Yercaud on 9-10 September
- Interns from Mar Augustinose College, Ramapuram, Kottayam
- Monitoring and evaluation of HSBC Skills for Life project at Bidar by Deloitte on 9-10 September
- Campus interviews for students of the HSBC Skills for Life project at BREADS Bangalore on 14 September





Once again in 2019, Kerala and parts of Karnataka bore the brunt of nature's fury. Yet again, the states stood in solidarity. Although Kerala as a state survived the massive disaster, Wayanad, Malappuram, Kannur and Kozhikode districts were tremendously affected with 155 deaths, 40 people injured, 21 missing, 1,789 houses damaged and over 26,000 people forced to take refuge in relief camps, affecting in all about 1.5 lakh people.

According to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) the deaths in Karnataka were 97, with 15 people missing in flood-related incidents across 22 districts. More than 2000 villages and over 7 lakh people were affected; among those, the North, Coastal and Malnad districts were the worst hit. Other affected districts included Bagalkot, Bijayapura, Raichur, Yadagir, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, Shivamogga and Chikkamagaluru.

BREADS as the Bangalore PDO, promptly responded to the calamity and continues its services through relief and rehabilitation works. The following details provide a glimpse of its support for relief work in the flood-affected areas in Kerala and Karnataka.

Relief activities in KERALA



Don Bosco School Kolikadavu, Kannur and Don Bosco Bhavan, Mannuthy were opened as relief camps for the local residents who had to evacuate their homes. The relief camps were immediately supplied with food, water, clothes, medicines and blankets. The staff and students of Don Bosco Sultan Bathery collaborated with the district administration to provide relief work, rehabilitation support and other services. BREADS visited and contributed 500 blankets to the Sultan Bathery civil station in Wayanad district in keeping with the one-window distribution plan of the district administration.

Don Bosco Sultan Bathery under the able leadership of Fr. Sojan SDB, Vice Principal, Don Bosco College has completed the electrification and repair works of 90 houses in Bathery and Padichira in collaboration with the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB). In joint efforts with the Kerala Interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation (KISMAT) – a project supported by BREADS, DB Sultan Bathery distributed groceries, cleaning materials, clothes, 1000 bottles of mineral water and infant clothes to 500 flood victims in the tribal colonies and relief camps in Wayanad, Chundakolli, Pulpalli,

Kolavalli, and Civil station, Kozhikode. Don Bosco Mampetta reached out to 125 beneficiaries in the flood-affected regions with relief materials, groceries, etc., with the Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Mampetta and BREADS.

Don Bosco Hassan assembled help for the flood-affected families and people in Virajpet and Chikkamagaluru districts, under the leadership of Fr. Fernandez Dominic Savio SDB. Relief materials were distributed at St. Anne's Church Virajpet to ensure a single-window distribution, benefitting around 100 families affected by the landslides and floods, who had temporarily sheltered at various relief camps. Relief materials included medicines, water, blankets, oil, batteries, candles, clothes and biscuits for each family. In Chikkamagaluru district, gas stoves, utensils, stools were distributed to the families at St. Lourdes church, Magundi. Don Bosco Social Service Society, Devadurga, Raichur district contributed notebooks, pens and bags to 589 children from 18 schools in the district, especially the vulnerable and poor children from government schools.

The situation after the water receded from houses and compounds was very distressing. Utensils, stoves, furniture and household articles had turned muddy and fit for trashing. BREADS realised that while there is Government support for people who have completely lost their houses, those with partially damaged houses are left with help from none. These partly-damaged houses are not fit for habitation unless renovated or repaired.

BREADS will extend its support to such families, especially the economically weaker ones who cannot survive without external help. 15 poor families will be supported for the repair and renovation of partially destroyed houses. The beneficiaries will be selected through Don Bosco partners in consultation with the government, district administration and other NGOs to avoid duplication of benefits. The preliminary study and process of selection has begun. It is hoped that the joint efforts of BREADS and the Don Bosco institutions will help reconstruct the lives of those struck yet again by this natural disaster.

Relief activities in KARNATAKA





Focussed Group Discussion on Healthcare in Narayana Dhanda, Raichur

In India, universal healthcare for the poorest of the poor is a dream yet to be realised. Access to healthcare is an even bigger problem than the quality of healthcare in India. It is estimated that more than 2.4 million people died in 2016, from conditions that could have been treated/prevented by healthcare—the highest number of “amenable deaths” among the countries studied. Of these deaths, nearly 1.6 million people — 66% — died because of the poor quality of healthcare services received; while 838,000 people died... [more](#)



Waging a war against alcohol and substance abuse

The joint efforts of Don Bosco Kollam and Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) have created a huge impression and ripples among the coastal community in the past. The visionary work continues through the empowerment of women and youth in the fisher folk community through education, health and livelihood promotion in the coastal district of Kollam. On August 10 2019, Don Bosco Kollam in collaboration with FCDP and Coastal Women Committee for Liquor and drug Prevention organised a women... [more](#)



Distribution of flood relief material at Sultan Bathery

On 12 August 2019, Don Bosco College Sultan Bathery supported by BREADS Bangalore, handed over 200 blankets at the Civil Station, Bathery. Fr. Sojan Panachickal SDB handed over the blankets to Mr. Tomichan Antony, Junior Superintendent cum Additional Tahsildar, Bathery. Mr. Yesudas, Additional Tahsildar, Bathery was also present on the occasion. In prompt response to the situation, the taluk administration had opened many relief collection centres; one of which is the civil station Bathery. The relief materials collected... [more](#)



An expression of kindness in moments of distress!

Don Bosco Hassan assembled a little help for the flood-affected families and people in Virajpet, the southern part of Karnataka under the leadership of Fr. Fernandez Dominic Savio. The relief materials were distributed at St. Anne's Church Virajpet to ensure single-window distribution benefitting around 100 families affected by landslides and flood, temporarily taking shelter at various relief camps. The relief materials contained medicines, water, blankets, oil, batteries, candles, clothes and biscuits for each family. United, we pray... [more](#)

