



# SITUATION REPORT

## CHENNAI FLOODS

December 2, 2015 | No. 1

### By the Numbers

188

people reported dead

200,000+

people displaced

67.8+ million

people affected

Source: "Chennai rains: next 48 hours very crucial, says IMD," *The Hindu*, December 2, 2015, [www.thehindu.com](http://www.thehindu.com)

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

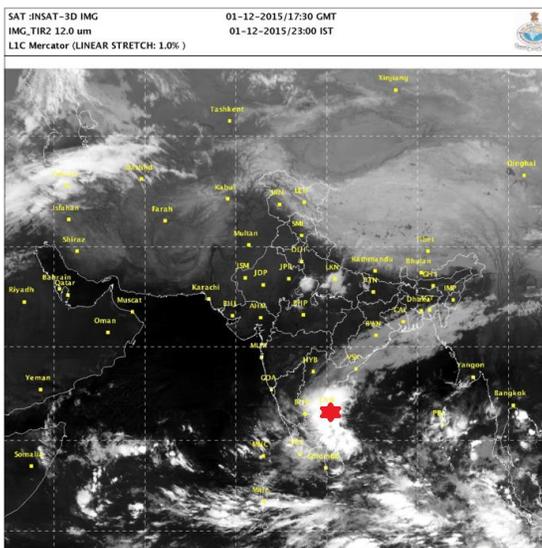
- Since early November, heavy rains from tropical depressions over the Bay of Bengal have been inundating Tamil Nadu state in southern India. Since the evening of Dec. 1, more rain has fallen in one day than the average monthly rainfall.
- The Chennai Airport has been closed until at least December 6, and all other forms of transportation have been disrupted.
- 60% of Chennai City is without power.
- Schools, colleges, and many businesses have been closed since mid-November. Many people cannot make it to work, resulting in lost income, nor access health and other essential facilities.
- Lack of proper drainage and sewage systems is contributing to safety and health hazards in the flood waters.
- The army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed for rescue and relief efforts. 10,000 police personnel and swimmers have also joined the rescue effort.
- Food, clean water, and other essential supplies are needed for the affected populations.

### INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE EFFORTS

- India's National Crisis Management Committee has assessed the flood situation around Chennai as well as the availability of food grains in Tamil Nadu. The Committee has directed the Ministries of Food, Agriculture, Health, Telecommunication and others to respond fully to the needs of flood affected communities.
- The ACT Alliance issued a rapid response fund (RRF) on November 9 ([http://actalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/RRF9\\_2015\\_India\\_TamilNadu\\_Floods.pdf](http://actalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/RRF9_2015_India_TamilNadu_Floods.pdf)) to Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) and United Evangelical Church in India (UELCI) paying \$59,454 in total to respond to the needs of those affected by the floods. LWR is an active member of the ACT Alliance and is in contact with ACT members already responding in Tamil Nadu.
- World Vision is aiming to distribute relief items to over 52,000 people in Chennai, Cuddalore, Nellore, and Kandukur.

### LWR'S RESPONSE

- LWR has been working in India since the 1950's, and we have built strong relationships with numerous local NGO partners over the years. LWR is discussing the possibility of a coordinated response with our former partner Annai Theresa Social Welfare Action Trust (ATSWA), an Indian NGO already responding to the floods in North Tamil Nadu. Under such arrangement, LWR would potentially provide dry rations and water filtration units to the northern suburbs of Chennai.
- Depending on the needs and logistical arrangements, LWR is also considering sending Material Resources (Quilts and Personal Care Kits) from our prepositioned stock at the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) warehouse in Dubai.



Satellite image of weather pattern affecting southeast India and Sri Lanka as of December 1, 2015. Chennai City marked. Source: India Meteorological Department