

RAHAMA's Flood Recovery Initiatives



Executive Summary

This report presents the goals and accomplishments of the flood recovery program implemented in Sirattikulam, Therankandal, Oddusuddan, and surrounding regions impacted by severe rainfall and flooding. The main objective of the program was to support families by meeting urgent needs, facilitating the reconstruction of homes, and ensuring that children could maintain their educational pursuits without interruption.

Field visits highlighted the considerable difficulties encountered by residents, which included damage to residences, paddy fields, loss of agricultural produce, ruined chicken coops, and the devastation of educational materials for children. The initiative aimed to deliver crucial assistance, encompassing food security, educational resources, and support to facilitate families in their recovery process.

In an effort to enhance educational opportunities, school kits were provided to children in the areas of Sirattikulam, Therankandal, Oddusuddan, and Kandawalai. Furthermore, play materials were supplied to promote the learning and development of the children. As part of the rebuilding initiatives, 48 tarpaulin sheets along with cleaning supplies were distributed to families to improve their living conditions and bolster resilience.

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After the heavy rains and flooding in Sirattikulam (Manthai East), the local bridge was severely damaged, leading to significant transportation disruptions and creating difficulties for residents trying to move in and out of the area.



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Finding**



In the Sirattikulam GN Division, out of the 180 acres of paddy fields, 135 acres were severely damaged due to the heavy rains and flooding. Farmers are facing immense challenges as they struggle to drain the excess water from their fields.

The flooding and heavy rains in Sirattikulam (Manthai East) have left 9 families, consisting of 31 members including 12 children, displaced and relocated to a temporary camp.

- Their homes were affected, and significant damage was caused to their food and seed storage, leading to food shortages.
- To improve food security in the area, it's essential to support these families by initiating cassava and corn planting for 20 families. This will help increase and ensure long-term food availability.
- There 20 children study / educations books & materials effected ,There education badly affected, and there a lack security to playing area in the temporary living camp.



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In response to the flooding in the region, the villagers employed sandbags to alleviate the impact of the floodwaters; however, the safety of the pond continues to be a significant concern. To enhance the community's protection against future floods and intense rainfall, it is essential to deposit 9 cubic units of sand in the vicinity to strengthen the pond and avert additional damage. This preventive action will contribute to the safeguarding of the village and diminish the likelihood of future flooding.



A visit was conducted to Therankandal village to assess the effects and damages caused by the heavy rain to houses and home gardens.

A field visit was carried out in conjunction with the Grama Niladhari to the Model Village located in the Sirattikulam and Therakandal Grama Niladhari Divisions. The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the progress of flood recovery initiatives and to identify the immediate needs of the communities affected by the disaster.

During the visit, several significant challenges faced by the residents were brought to light, including the destruction of poultry shelters, the loss of chicks, and damage to educational materials for children as a result of the severe rainfall. This assessment yielded important insights into the recovery efforts and pinpointed critical areas requiring urgent assistance to restore livelihoods and enhance community resilience.



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A meeting focused on flood recovery initiatives was convened at the Divisional Secretariat Conference Hall in Manthai East, uniting essential stakeholders to discuss recovery strategies for impacted communities.

The gathering included senior government officials, representatives from local government bodies, disaster management teams, non-governmental organizations, and community leaders. A total of 11 participants took part in the discussions, exchanging insights and strategies aimed at improving recovery efforts.

This collaborative forum highlighted the necessity of coordinated actions to restore and assist families affected by the floods, demonstrating the dedication of all stakeholders to enhancing community resilience.



An event was held in the Sirattikulam Grama Niladhari Divisions to assist children and families impacted by the recent floods.

This initiative focused on delivering vital educational resources and recovery materials to disadvantaged or disaster-affected communities.

In total, 31 school kits were distributed to students, along with play kits designed to enhance their learning and development.



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In the Therankandal GN area, Flood recovery initiative was extended to children and families from underprivileged or disaster-affected communities. Essential educational supplies and recovery materials were provided to aid in rebuilding lives after the recent floods. A total of 17 school bags were distributed to children, ensuring they have the necessary resources to continue their education.

At the Oddusuddan Divisional Secretariat, Flood recovery initiative was extended to 75 children through the distribution of school bags and notebooks, aimed at enhancing their educational journey. Additionally, six tarpaulin sheets were provided to families affected by recent floods to aid in their recovery and rebuilding efforts.

The event saw the participation of the Assistant Divisional Secretary, Child Rights Promotion Officer (CRPO), Divisional NGO Coordinator, National Child Protection Authority (NCPA), and RAHAMA's Assistant Program Manager and Program Coordinator, alongside parents, guardians, and community members. Children shared their personal experiences of the flooding and expressed heartfelt gratitude for the timely assistance, emphasizing the positive impact this initiative had on their lives and their communities.



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Another flood relief initiative was held at Thadduvankoddi School in Kandawalai Division, where 68 children received school bag kits and stationery. This effort aimed to provide children from underprivileged and disaster-affected communities with essential educational resources to ensure a positive and uninterrupted learning experience.

The event brought together students, parents, teachers, the school principal, the Grama Niladhari (GS), and the Program Coordinator and Mobilizer. Several children shared their experiences of the recent flooding and expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support they received.

Learning materials were distributed on 25.01.2025 to students from 68 families impacted by the recent floods in Aninjiyankulam GN, under the Thunukkai Divisional Secretariat in Mullaitivu District. Led by the Grama Niladhari, this initiative focused on ensuring uninterrupted education for children in disaster-affected areas.



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At Sirattikulam, learning kits were distributed to support children's education and foster their overall development. Additionally, play materials were provided under the supervision of the Sirattikulam Farmer Society and the two children, ensuring they are effectively utilized for the benefit of the children.



At the Oddusuddan Divisional Secretariat, a flood recovery initiative was carried out to support families affected by recent floods. As part of this effort, six tarpaulin sheets were distributed to help them in their recovery and rebuilding process.



At Therankandal, 32 tarpaulin sheets were distributed to families, assisting them in repairing and safeguarding their homes. This initiative reflects a strong commitment to supporting recovery and resilience in vulnerable communities.

At the Sirattikulam Grama Niladhari Division, support was extended to children and families impacted by the recent floods. Ten tarpaulin sheets and cleaning materials were distributed to assist families in rebuilding their homes and improving their living conditions. Additionally, 11 families received sanitary and cleaning items to clean their flood-affected houses, ensuring a healthier and safer living environment for the children and their families.



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