

## **1. Flood Relief Initiatives**

In late July, severe flooding affected Kerala State due to unusually high rainfall during monsoon season. It was the worst flooding in Kerala in nearly a century. Over 445 people died, 15 are missing within a fortnight, while at least 280,679 people were evacuated, mainly from Chengannur, Pandanad, Aranmula, Aluva, Chalakudy, Kuttanad and Pandalam. All 14 districts of the State were placed on high alert. According to the Kerala Government, one sixth of the total population had been directly affected by the floods and related incidents. The Union Government had declared it a Level 3 'Calamity of a severe nature'.

In order to help the people in relief camps, all staffs, students, various clubs, alumni and the natives made a great effort. The relief measures are made in three phases. On the first phase, National Service Scheme, Mannaniya Mates, WWS, Nature Club and ED Club organized a collection centre in the Mannaniya College on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018. We collected the needy materials such as food materials, medicines, lotions, dress and drinking water. On 19<sup>th</sup> all the collected materials were distributed the relief camps of Chengannur.

The second phase collection was made on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and the relief materials were distributed in the camps of Kuttanad. NSS programme officer Asseem.J, and other volunteers such as Muzammil, JagfarKhan, Ashik, Muhammed Sha, Unais Rawther and Ijas distributed the relief materials to the various flood affected relief camps.

Our students Muzammil, Adil, Ajas, Jagfarkhan, Ijas and Shereena participated as volunteers in the Camp SMV School, Trivandrum on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018. From 24<sup>th</sup> August Muzammil is participating in the camp functioning at Nishagandhi Auditorium.





