

Floods in India

Flooding can happen all over the world for different reasons including heavy rain storms. It can happen very quickly and cause a lot of damage.



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Very heavy rainfall in July and August 2018 caused huge floods across the Southwestern state of Kerala, India. It was the worst flooding in the country for over 100 years.

The extreme rainfall washed away whole villages destroying homes, schools, and farmer's crops. Many families lost everything.

- 300+ people died
- 100,000 families left homeless and in need of emergency shelter

Nabeeza's story

When the heavy rainfall started, Nabeeza's house began to flood and became cut off from the rest of her village. She had no choice but to leave her home with nothing more than the clothes she was wearing. After the flood water went away, Nabeeza returned to an empty house – everything inside had been destroyed or washed away.

With support from SCIAF's partner, Caritas India, Nabeeza received the help she needed to start to rebuild her life.

"I am happy that Caritas India has helped me," she said.

Working with Caritas India, SCIAF were able to provide a rapid response to the people in Kerala. We sent £30,000 to help families affected by the floods. This helped to provide:

- Emergency kits – which included water, clothing, bedsheets and blankets, soap, buckets, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Food and cooking utensils – including rice, oil and beans.

Caritas India were also able to provide temporary shelter to many families. Plus, provide cash for farmers to help them buy seeds and livestock so they can start growing food and earning money again.



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