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Dear friend

Asia Floods Appeal – we urgently need to raise £2 million

As you may have already seen in the news, south Asia has been devastated by some of the worst floods in years. Extreme rains have left at least 14 million displaced in India, and a further seven million people marooned in Bangladesh. Twelve million of those affected in India are in the state of Bihar, where some of the country's most marginalised and socially excluded people live. Hundreds of thousands throughout the region are facing hunger and disease.

People have lost everything. Their homes have been washed away and they have been left with nothing. We need to get help to them urgently.

Working through our local partner organisations, Christian Aid has been able to respond immediately. In Bangladesh our partners are providing food and oral rehydration salts to 35,000 people. While in India, 50,000 people, mainly from socially excluded groups, are being provided with utensils, food and clothing.

The floods are now receding so we can get to those most in need. We must act now. People urgently need essential relief in the form of food, blankets, cooking utensils and clothing.

We have already allocated £250,000 for the first few weeks but we urgently need to help more people and can only do this with your support.

Please send a donation today. A gift of whatever you can afford can make a real difference.

- **£25 could provide 500 packets of oral rehydration salts, enough for 50 families in Bangladesh**
- **£47 could feed four families for a week in Bihar, India**
- **£100 could help to repair two damaged homes in India**

Christian Aid will not only be there in the short term. Our partners will also continue to help these communities rebuild their lives long after the flood waters have receded and the television cameras have left. Much of the work Christian Aid supports in the region is designed to help people reduce the damage caused by severe weather.

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Extreme weather conditions like this are becoming more frequent and current predictions of climate change indicate they will continue to do so. The monsoon rains have come early this year, more rain is expected throughout Asia. India is experiencing the worst flooding in 20 years.

We are so grateful for the support of churches for our ongoing work. Please respond to this appeal, if you can, with a collection in your church. We will use your money wherever the need is greatest. Whatever happens over the next few days and weeks, people in the regions affected will need your prayers and support as they seek to rebuild their lives.

Yours in Christ



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PS So that your congregation can make the maximum difference, please use Gift Aid envelopes for your collection. Request them by calling 08700 787 788 or contact your local Christian Aid office. Thank you.

A prayer for those affected

Father God
Today, by your example, may we stand unfailing
Beside those who had so little, and now have less;
Beside those whose lives marked the earth so lightly;
Whose homes and means of living are washed away.
Extend our horizons so that we may see more clearly
That every life devastated is a life born in your image.
Amen