

CEDAR Fund Cyclone Michaung Relief Report

Severe cyclone Michaung struck the Indian state of Tamil Nadu on 4 December 2023 and in Andhra Pradesh on 5 December, bringing fierce winds, torrential rains and floods to the region. At least 25 deaths were recorded, and the disaster caused damage worth 50.6 billion rupees (equivalent to US\$600 million).

Although the cyclone-induced flooding did not receive much attention in the Hong Kong media, the scale of the rainstorm was considered unprecedented in Tamil Nadu in the past 70 years. Floodwaters swept into government hospitals and numerous residences, washing away the roofs of huts, and causing extensive road damage. Hospital operations were suspended in Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu.

As a result, CEDAR Fund provided funding to its Indian partner, The Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief (EFICOR), to distribute emergency food, tarpaulins and hygiene kits to help the victims, who were sleeping in the open, to overcome their plight.

Project Details

Project Objective: To assist families affected by Cyclone Michaung

Project Period: December 2023 to February 2024

Project Location: Chengalpattu district, Tamil Nadu, India

Project Content: Purchase and distribute emergency food, tarpaulins, hygiene kits, etc.

Beneficiaries: 350 families (around 1,400 beneficiaries)

CEDAR allocated: US\$18,000 (around HK\$141,300)

The amount of supplies to be given to each family is set out below:

Food (enough for one month):

- Cooked Rice (26kg) 1 bag
- Beans 2 kg
- Chilli powder, turmeric powder, coriander powder (200 g each)
- Cooking oil 2 litres
- Salt 1 kg

Hygiene supplies:

- Nail clippers
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Sanitary napkins
- Laundry detergent
- Soap

Other items:

- Tarpaulin (for roof repair or a temporary shelter tent)
- Bucket

- Water cups
- Mosquito net

In the face of such disaster, EFICOR identified the most affected vulnerable groups in the target areas to provide support, such as widows, the elderly, the disabled and low-income families. The partner collected feedback from the community - the beneficiaries were satisfied with the relief supplies and were excited to share their feelings. For example, some victims said that they were able to feed their children for a month because of the supplies provided; some said that they had never received so many supplies in their lives and that the mosquito nets were handy to them as they could protect their children from mosquito bites. The beneficiaries were very grateful for the relief they received, and this positive feedback encouraged our partner to continue to help the community and the victims under challenging circumstances.

The partner worked with the local churches, which provided storage space for the relief supplies before distribution, accommodation for the workers, and assistance in arranging volunteers and vehicles for the distribution of relief supplies. The churches' participation helped more people feel the Lord's love.

Beneficiary's Story

Anjali is a 33-year-old widow living in a village in the affected area. She has three children and is the sole breadwinner for her family.

Cyclone Michaung caused severe roof damage in Anjali's house, causing water to leak. After the cyclone, her house was left in a state of disrepair, basic household items were damaged, and their already scarce resources made daily life even more difficult: there was no money to repair their home, and the family did not have enough food to feed themselves.

To help Anjali out of her predicament, the partner provided support to respond to her most urgent needs. She received enough food to feed her family for a month to ensure





Anjali's child smiles after receiving the supplies.

her children did not go hungry, as well as a hygiene kit and mosquito nets to keep her family clean and hygienic from mosquito-borne diseases in the flood-contaminated environment. With the tarpaulin given, she could use it as a temporary roof, solving the problem of leaking roofs and sheltering her family. As a result, the project has eased her worries and uncertainties. Looking ahead, Anjali hopes to rebuild her home as soon as possible to create a more stable and safer environment for her children.

Take Action

Due to climate change, severe natural disasters such as storms, floods, heat waves and droughts have become more intense and frequent, causing more widespread damage. The threat these phenomena pose is doubled for the poor compared to other groups with resources. We hope you will support the 'Care for the Disaster-stricken Poor' so that CEDAR can have the resources to help our poor friends affected by disasters.

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