“We are very much thankful for the support rendered by World Vision India for the flood-affected people in Kottayam. We understand and acknowledge that all the relief kits have reached the most vulnerable and flood-affected households.”

Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan
Member – Kerala Legislative Assembly

Whenever disaster strikes, natural or man-made, World Vision India generally follows the first-in and last-out approach. Our rapid response team reaches the ground within 24 hours the disaster strikes. Our work begins by assessing the extent of the damage and providing immediate emergency relief. For the first few weeks, we continuously distribute emergency aid and relief to those affected by the disaster.

Dry ration: 10 kg rice, 1 kg green gram, 1 kg sugar, 1 litre coconut oil
Non-food items and Hygiene kits: 1 pack sanitary pads, 2 bedsheets, 2 towels, 2 lungi, 1 t-shirt, 2 nighties, 2 serving spoons, 2 tumblers, 3 steel plates, 1 mosquito repellent cream, 1 antiseptic liquid, 1 tooth paste, 5 tooth brushes, 2 washing soaps, 2 bath soaps, 2 buckets with lid, 2 mugs, 2 Saibol ointment.
Our teams are working closely with Government officials and other NGOs to avoid duplication of relief efforts and for a more co-ordinated response.

CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES

Our staff and volunteers engaged with children in the aftermath of the floods through a child-friendly space with story-telling, song, dance, colouring, sport and other programmes. Around 600 children in 5 relief camps in Wayanad, 350 children in 14 locations in Kottayam and 500 children in Malappuram took part in this.

“Ball passing is my favourite game so far. Unlike football, we can play it indoors, even if it is raining outside,” says Nithina, who studies in the fourth grade.

RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PHASE

World Vision India will focus on transitional shelter, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), school infrastructure and livelihood recovery.

Our staff remain with the communities until the families have recovered and are ready to start life again.

WASH

In Veliyanadu and Kainakari (Allepey Dist.), over 5000 families have been provided with over 300,000 PUR water purification sachets and were also trained on its use. Water filters will be provided to 750 families.

As part of the recovery phases, our WASH interventions involve providing families with access to clean drinking water and assisting in renovation and reconstruction of water pipes, toilets and septic tanks.

SHELTER

In Veliyanadu and Kainakari, World Vision India is working with communities to provide them with transitional shelters. These shelters are contextualised for the Kerala flood response and erected, in keeping with traditional construction practices.

These are framed steel structures with Galvalume™ sheets for roofs and fibre cement boards for walls and floors.

World Vision India teams are also assessing the damages to the houses affected by the floods to assist families with the repair. During the renovation of these houses, World Vision India follows the retrofitting technique through which houses are made more durable and resilient to disasters in the future.

“Managing our children and making them sit in one place are the most difficult things to do at the camp. Thanks to World Vision India. Now, our children have something to do throughout the day. We know where to find them. They will be always at the play area,” says Ambili, a mother of two.