

# International Disaster Appeal from CGI

**The International Office-SSVP Council General is appealing to National Councils around the World to help with Disaster Relief Efforts across the Globe**

The International Council of the SSVP (CGI) intends to send emergency humanitarian aid to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in India, Indonesia and other countries suffering from disasters, which will use these resources to help the poorest. Councils, Conferences, special works and Vincentians who wish to support this emergency mission can support the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS), created to help countries suffering from natural disasters.



The Society is a worldwide organization present on five continents. As you might imagine, a disaster need may present itself at anytime, anywhere, and the Society must be prepared to respond.

The current international disaster appeal from the International SSVP Council General, President Renato Lima de Oliveira is to aid the international disaster work being accomplished through their Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD) and its Fund for International Solidarity (FIS).

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The FIS funds are used for emergency disaster services such as: immediate aid for victims (food, hygiene kits, blankets, etc.), and further assessment of the situation to determine what additional resources are required. CIAD can quickly release funds for most urgent needs. CGI is grateful for the fraternal bonds of solidarity that unite Society members throughout the world who are generously supporting their brothers and sisters in times of need.

The disaster work being done in India and Indonesia is an example of the work being coordinating by CGI and funded by the FIS. Previous donations and future donations will be sent to the Fund for International Solidarity. CGI is responsible for managing the disaster allocations, tracking the results and reporting on the impact.



(Reuters)

## India's record flooding leaves nearly 100,000 people homeless

Unusually heavy monsoon rains have caused unprecedented flooding in Kerala, southwest India. Twenty-six people died in one day and the toll is now 79 dead. Thirty-five of the state's thirty-three tanks yielded for the first time in history. The hilly district of Wayanad is still isolated, surrounded by floodwaters. More than 85,000 people have been displaced and 14 districts are on alert. Cochin Airport, where Brother Renato Lima (General Chairman) landed in 2017 during his official visit to Kerala, was closed for several hours this week.



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SSVP on the ground brings together all its forces and resources to help victims. "The state of Kerala, at the southern tip of India, is severely affected by heavy floods. Many have lost their lives and many have lost all their property. The heavy rains that have been falling for four weeks have put the state in crisis. All rivers overflow and up to 24 dams have yielded. Thousands of people are in relief camps. We are doing our best to support the population," said Vincentian Johnson Varghese.

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## Indonesia was rocked by 6.9 magnitude earthquake-350,000 people left homeless

On August 5, an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale hit the island of Lombok in Indonesia. Nearly a month after a series of earthquakes rocked the island of Lombok, the recovery work continues. The clean-up has been hindered by nearly 1,000 aftershocks. The continuing tremors are causing additional damage. Currently, reports show there are 430,000 people displaced and homeless with 74,000 homes and 600 schools damaged or destroyed. More than 7,000 people have been injured and over 500 have lost their lives.



"The Vincentian is very kind, and charity has no borders. We are grateful, from the bottom of our hearts, for the great generosity of the Vincentian brothers and sisters from all over the planet, who are always very supportive when there are droughts, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis," said Brother Renato Lima de Oliveira, 16th President General of CGI.

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If you prefer to support the International Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Fund for International Solidarity relief efforts by check, please send it to:

National Council of the United States  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
58 Progress Parkway  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

(In the memo field, please be sure to write "Fund for International Solidarity")

**Thank you to the donors for their generous support of the Council General request for international disaster relief assistance. Prayers go out to those affected by disasters and those providing assistance.**

