## *Cricket Aid Flood Assistance gets underway.*

*Aid worth millions dispersed. 300+ Volunteers join hands to help. 5000L of potable water distributed. 500 homes cleaned for resettlement.*

Consequent to the recent flood crisis in Sri Lanka, it is estimated that over 500,000 have been displaced. Over a 100 have lost their lives, with as many as 100 still missing and now presumed dead. Many of the displaced are from the Greater Colombo area, where the un-paralleled flooding caused by the Kalani River spilling its banks, has led to close to 200,000 persons being severely affected.

Sri Lanka Crickets Cricket Aid, which is due to launch officially on the 4th of June at Lord's in London, began immediate relief efforts in the aftermath of this catastrophe, and to date have collected several millions of Rupees in aid.

As a primary phase, over 300 volunteers of Cricket Aid comprised of staff, coaches, cricketers and well-wishers spent the day on Saturday (28) at a Shramadhana organised to assist the flood affected with resettlement.

Cricket Aid distributed over 3000 aid packages that contained dry rations, bedding, clothing and toiletries and 10,000 Litres of potable water whilst volunteers cleaned and helped in resettlement of over 500 houses.

The campaign is set to continue in the coming week with School books and uniforms being distributed as a second phase.

Attached below, are several images together with footage of the Shramadhana campaign. We appreciate your support in this humanitarian campaign.

*For and on behalf of Sri Lanka Cricket, on the instructions of the President SLC,*

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