

Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service



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Covid-19 and Cyclone Amphan

Many of you will have seen that Kolkata and the surrounding area has been badly hit by a severe cyclone. Streets are flooded and blocked by trees; buildings and community projects have been devastated; and many people now find themselves homeless and without food and water. The cyclone has come on top of the challenges that CRS and the Diocese is already facing due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Through all this, the relief operation continues, and 4,500 families have been helped, but more is needed in this desperate situation. The first priority is to complete the second phase of deliveries of supplies to the poorest families. The homeless need shelter. There is then the work of rehabilitation. In particular children need to be brought back into CRS and Diocesan schools, as there is a danger of that the suspension of schooling, and greater impoverishment will lead to an increase in children being trafficked into child labour and child marriage. Also, women need the means of earning a livelihood so that they can help support their families.

So far, we have sent £9,000 to CRS for the Covid 19 Relief Operation, and we have a further £1,500 in donations ready to send. The crisis is by no means over yet, so please do keep fund-raising and donating.

Thank you for your marvellous support so far.

The following is a message from Bishop Paritosh:

Greetings from the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI!

I thank you immensely for your prayers, care and concern for the people of Kolkata. Your support has helped us in giving hope and smiles to 4500 families in the villages and slums where we work under the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI, in partnership with Cathedral Relief Service Calcutta (CRS).

At this moment we join you in prayers for strengthening our hands to do the work and mission of Christ. With many challenges facing us besides COVID-19 and now the cyclone affected people, we look forward to your prayerful support.

Our priorities in the light of Covid19 and the devastation wreaked by Cyclone Amphan

- *Second phase of food supplies to poorest of the poor families.*
- *Rehabilitation for women and children to avoid a rise in child labour, trafficking and child abuse as result of this pandemic.*
- *Preventing youth being trapped into antisocial and criminal activities.*
- *Rehabilitation of homeless families.*

News is regularly being posted on Facebook and on the CRS website at <http://www.cathedralreliefservice.net/news/stories>

If you wish to support the Appeal please send your donation to the Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service

The bank details are:
CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code 40-52-40. Account No: 00096998. Account Name:
Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service
(Please identify the purpose of your donation as "Covid 19 Appeal").

Another easy way of donating is through our Just Giving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/calcutta-ccrs>

Enquiries to: secretary@friendsofcrs.co.uk



Flooding in Kolkata Streets

The Friends of CRS.
