

SOUTH INDIA FLOODS- TAMIL NADU DECEMBER 2015



Photo: NDTV

THE STORY

India's fourth largest and most populous city, Chennai, is facing the worst floods in over hundred years. More than 200 people have died in the torrential downpour caused by deep depression in the Bay of Bengal. The flooding has forced more than 200,000 people to abandon their homes.

The capital city of Chennai has been particularly hard-hit, receiving its highest ever rainfall recorded in November in over a century. Release of water from a brimming reservoir has further swamped the low lying areas of Chennai city.

Aerial view of flooded
Chennai city.

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BESIDES CHENNAI, THE WORST AFFECTED DISTRICTS INCLUDE: Cuddalore, Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur, and Thanjavur, where entire villages have been marooned and totally inundated. There are currently 97 relief camps in Chennai city and 215 in Kanchipuram district. The neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh where 54 persons have died, and union territory Puducherry where nearly 400 houses have suffered damage, have also been affected by the disaster.

Road, rail and air transport have all been affected in Tamil Nadu. Over 2 million people have been affected by the disaster, which has caused damages and losses amounting to over ₹20000 crore (US\$3 billion).

Oxfam is responding to the humanitarian needs of flood affected people in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Oxfam will assist the flood ravaged communities with lifesaving water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, emergency shelter materials to protect them from elements of weather, and cash assistance to the most vulnerable families.

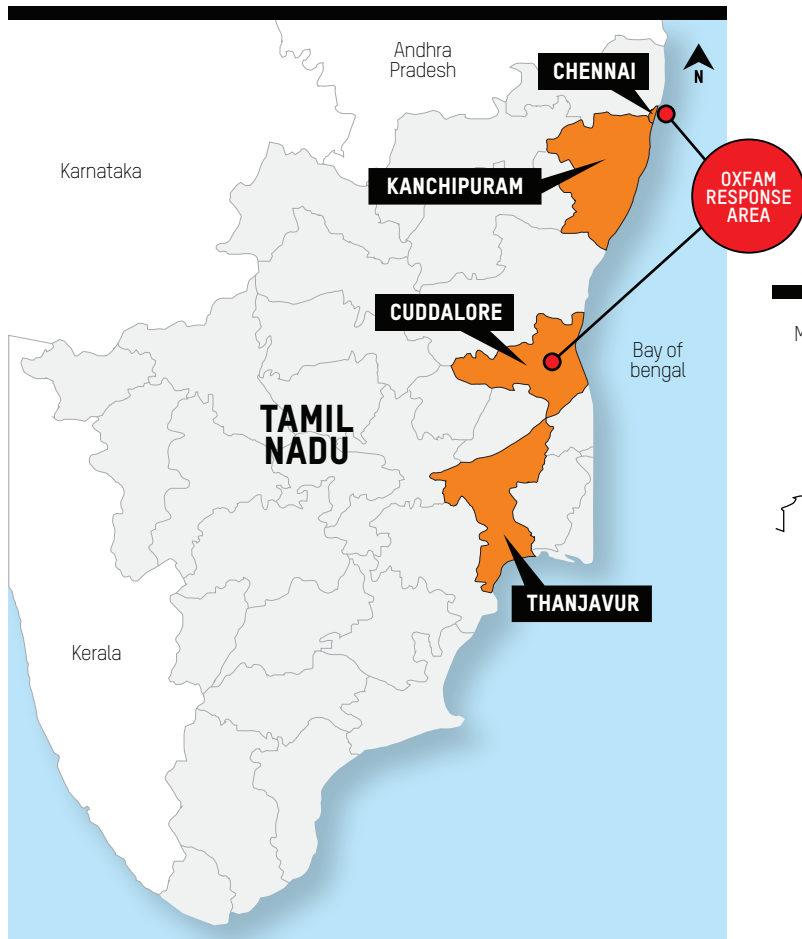
Thousands of people need humanitarian assistance—both in urban and rural areas of Tamil Nadu. Responding to the crisis now and for the next six months with local NGO partners, remains an Oxfam priority.

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OXFAM IS RESPONDING IN TAMIL NADU & ANDHRA PRADESH



MORE THAN **200,000**
HAVE BEEN DISPLACED DUE TO
FLOODS IN TAMIL NADU.



DEATH TOLL: **269**



PEOPLE AFFECTED: **OVER 3 MILLION**

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NEEDS

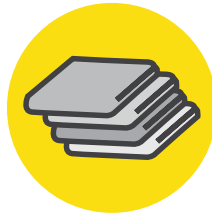
WHAT ARE THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS?



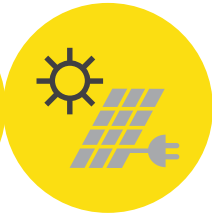
SAFE WATER
AND SANITATION
UTILITIES



EMERGENCY
SHELTER



SHELTER NFI - BLANKETS,
SOLAR LAMPS



PUBLIC HEALTH
SUPPORT TO ADDRESS
HEALTH RISKS

Oxfam is aiming to reach **8000** families or approximately **48,000** flood affected people in Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh

OXFAM'S HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

	EMERGENCY SHELTER AND NFI		HYGIENE PROMOTION
	CASH TRANSFER		SAFE WATER
	SANITATION UTILITIES - TEMPORARY LATRINES, BATHING SPACES		

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WHAT IS OXFAM DOING RIGHT NOW?



Oxfam staff conducting rapid assessment in Nov.

STAFF DEPLOYMENT: Oxfam's staff are being deployed to the flood affected locations in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Oxfam's staff are specialised in WASH, shelter, logistics, and finance to ensure flood affected communities receive the most critical and relevant support on time.

MOVING OUR CONTINGENCY STOCK: Oxfam is moving its pre-positioned contingency stock from the state of Odisha to locations in Tamil Nadu and Andhra

Pradesh. This will ensure essential stocks of buckets, tarpaulins, groundsheet, latrine slabs reach the most affected locations. Our stocks reaching Tamil Nadu will be able to cover 30,000 people.

WORKING WITH LOCAL NGOS: We are working with local grass roots organisations in the emergency, to ensure we have as much local expertise as possible, fast coverage, and to build lasting connections with communities.

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