



## WATER FOR LIFE

## Urgent Support for Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services (WASH) in Sri Lanka

### Situation Overview

Cyclone Ditwah impacted 2.2 million people across Sri Lanka, due to torrential rains, landslides, and severe flooding. As a result, water infrastructure has collapsed - 413,000 household water connections are disrupted, 538 rural schemes are down, and 45 sewer treatment plants are non-functional. Vulnerable communities including women and children face heightened risk of waterborne diseases and other health emergencies as they return to their damaged homes.

### Priority Actions

We urgently seek support to implement life-saving WASH interventions:

- Provide **water and sanitation facilities** in temporary shelters, and welfare centres
- **Install temporary water tanks** for displaced families
- **Clean and rehabilitate** damaged wells, toilets, and WASH facilities in homes, schools, and clinics
- **Repair pipelines** and **rural community-managed water supply schemes**.
- Provide **water testing kits** to ensure safe drinking water
- **Promote hygiene awareness** and **distribute hygiene kits** to prevent water-borne diseases and hygiene supplies for women and girls

### Why This Matters

Access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services is life-saving. UN-Habitat is mobilizing an emergency response to restore access to clean water and prevent secondary health crises.

These activities will be implemented in close partnership with affected communities and Community Based Organizations.

### How Can you Help?

Join us in saving lives and rebuilding communities. Please send your donations to:

- **Bank Name:** MIZUHO BANK, LTD., Kojimachi Branch
- **Bank Address:** 5-1 Kojimachi, Chiyodaku, Tokyo, Japan
- **Bank SWIFT:** MHCBJPJT
- **Account Number:** 021-1433175
- **Account Name:** Japan Habitat Association

*Donations will be sent to UN-Habitat through Japan Habitat Association and will be utilized for emergency WASH response activities.*

### Japan Habitat Association

Japan Habitat Association (JHA) was established in 2001 as a UN-Habitat partner to undertake projects that improve living conditions of people adversely affected by poverty, conflict, and disasters worldwide. JHA has supported UN-Habitat's relief projects in many past disasters, and is cooperating on this Flash Appeal as a partner organization of the UN-Habitat Fukuoka Office.

### About UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat is the UN agency mandated to promote socially and environmentally sustainable settlements. In Sri Lanka, UN-Habitat started operations in 1978, providing assistance to a range of national programs. In disaster recovery, we restore WASH services, support emergency sanitation, and deliver hygiene kits. Our approach integrates housing, land, and resilience planning — ensuring safe, inclusive, and climate-resilient recovery.

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