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**Appeal to help Sri Lanka flooding and landslide survivors**

Dear Colleagues,

In Sri Lanka, hundreds of thousands of people have been forced from their homes by floodwaters after a major storm hit the country on 16 May 2016. Due to torrential rain and multiple landslides, over 300,000 people are now living in temporary shelters.

The flood hit 14 of Sri Lanka's 37 Scouting districts, where approximately about 10,000 Scouts and their families are heavily affected.

With this, the Scouting community expresses deep concern for the affected villages of Sri Lanka, and hope for safety, strength and recovery.

Today, we appeal to all Scouts—individuals, groups, or as a national association to offer assistance that would cater to short term, medium and long term needs of the survivors.

Short term assistance provides for emergency relief and contingency measures such as medicine, food, water and temporary shelter. Medium and long term will cater to recovery measures such as rebuilding social structures and infrastructure, training on disaster risk reduction, and environmental restoration.

For messages of support and assistance, please contact:

Prof T K N P De Silva

Chief Commissioner, Sri Lanka Scout Association

**Email: <tknpdesilva@gmail.com>** copy to: <srilankascouts@ymail.com>

For financial assistance, please send to World Scout Bureau, Asia-Pacific Support Centre at the following account:

Account name: World Scout Bureau/APR

Account number: 10 12000-40188

Name of bank: **BDO UNIBANK, INC. – V.A. Rufino-Sotto Branch**

Bank address: V. Sotto Street cor. Rufino St, Legaspi Village, Makati City, PHILIPPINES

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The Asia-Pacific Support Centre will coordinate with Sri Lanka Scout Association on projects related to recovery and rehabilitation.

Thank you in advance for your generous Scouting spirit!

Yours in Scouting,



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Chairman, APR Scout Committee



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