

Funds collection period from 18 to 24 December 2015

MEDIA STATEMENT

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69 MOSQUES TO MOUNT SPECIAL COLLECTION IN AID OF VICTIMS OF SOUTH INDIA FLOODS

1. All 69 mosques in Singapore, in collaboration with the Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation (RLAF), is organising a special fund raising effort in aid of the victims of the floods in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India. The Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh regions in South India have suffered severe loss of assets – homes, farm land and farming equipment.
2. Over 300 people have perished and approximately 3 million people are affected, cut off from basic services and are facing a shortage of emergency supplies according to official sources. [Mercy Relief responded to an appeal for aid from its ground partner in India and has launched a public fundraising appeal.](#) According to the humanitarian relief agency, flood waters have subsided but communities in affected regions still face acute shortage of relief supplies and run the risk of water-borne diseases as most homes are ruined.



The hardest hit areas in South India are the Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh regions (photo/Mercy Relief)

3. In the spirit of blessings-to-all, all 69 mosques in Singapore will participate in this special collection and extend a hand of support to those devastated by the floods. The Foundation calls for Singaporeans to donate generously. [Funds collected will be handed over to Mercy Relief who has initiated its first distribution of relief supplies which benefited 300 low income families in Kulathumadu, Chennai.](#)



Mercy Relief deployed its team to Kulathumedu, an urban slum district in Chennai (photo/Mercy Relief)

4. Donation boxes will be placed at all 69 mosques beginning **Friday, 18 December to Thursday, 24 December 2015**. All boxes will be marked “Special Collection in Aid of Victims of South Indian Floods”.
5. Members of the public can also offer their donation in cash or by cheque. All cheques should be made payable to “RLAF” with the words “Special Collection in Aid of Victims of South Indian Floods” written on the back. Cash and cheques can be delivered to Muis Building at the Singapore Islamic Hub, No 273, Braddell Road Singapore 579702.
6. In addition, the public can make their contributions online via www.muis.gov.sg/epayment/Donations.aspx **up to 24 December 2015**.
7. The Singapore Muslim community (SMC) prays that the people of Chennai, India’s fourth largest city affected by the floods will be given the strength and resilience to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the floods. The community also offers prayer for a speedy end to the flood situation and for the region to return to normalcy.

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