SMEC Foundation Supports Those in Need, Sri Lanka

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In May 2017, widespread flooding and landslides struck Sri Lanka causing severe damage to 12 districts, displacing half a million people. According to a UN report, a total of 213 people lost their lives with 76 people missing. Over 3,000 houses were destroyed and 21,000 were partially damaged.

Rathnapura district was one of the most affected districts where over 20,000 people faced flash floods. The southern part of the country was also severely impacted as the number of affected families rose up to 36,314 (142,149 people).

As Sri Lankans gathered to support those affected by providing essentials to address short term needs such as food, clothing, and sanitation, SMEC’s Sri Lanka office in partnership with The SMEC Foundation focused on the resettlement phase, with capacity to support 75-100 families.

With the help of the Disaster Management Centre, The SMEC Foundation supported Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat. Employees from SMEC’s Sri Lanka office organised an event in Eheliyagoda Divisional Secretariat and donated items according to the situation of each affected family.

Mattresses were donated to those families who had their homes partially destroyed, gas cookers and gas cylinders were given to families who had their homes completely destroyed and kitchen items were given to those families living in camps. In total, 116 mattresses, 65 gas cookers and 65 cylinders and 25 kitchen items were donated.

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