

Cyclone Relief and Other Buddhist Relief Mission Activities

January 2026 – Happy New Year!



On January 18, Ven. Nanda invited five monks to a dana to share merit with all the victims of the disaster. Lily prepared rice and curries, and we offered some chocolate-oatmeal bars.

Why the Cyclone was so Disastrous

Earliest signals of the unusual weather unfolded as early as November 21 with many regions across Sri Lanka reporting rainfall exceeding 100 millimetres. Ditwah originating as a low-pressure system near the coast on 26th November, rapidly intensified into a cyclonic storm by 27th November, crawling over land at 3-8 km/hour leading to a concentrated rainfall. Professor of hydrology and agrogeophysics at Memorial University in Canada, Lakshman Galagedara's calculations revealed approximately 13 billion cubic metres (m^3) of rainfall in a 24-hour period, amounting to 150,463 m^3 every second during the height of the storm. He highlighted this extraordinary scale of rainfall of Ditwah in Sri Lanka (65,610 Km^2) equaling a massive 2.32 m^3 /second/ Km^2 , by comparing with the discharge of the Amazon River (7 million Km^2) equating to 0.032 m^3 /second/ Km^2 .

(From "Cyclone Ditwah: An Overlooked Environmental Tragedy," *Daily Mirror*, January 20, 2026)



The Sri Lanka Cancer Society has provided a great deal of relief aid, clothing, used and new, bedding, toiletries, and food to more than two hundred people whose homes were destroyed and who are now staying in a monastery in Nuwara Eliya and to many tea-estate workers. Buddhist Relief Mission was happy to take part in these projects.



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Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" –Martin Luther King, Jr.



Jagath has arranged for donating school supplies to poor students and dry rations to many families.



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On Loolkandura Estate, Sri Lanka's first tea plantation, The Sri Lanka Cancer Society-Kandy Branch is constructing temporary, but sturdy, shelters for families whose homes were destroyed. Each shelter costs only about 175,000 rupees (\$580). Buddhist Relief Mission is also contributing to this project.