



FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

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Food for the Hungry Responding to Deadly Southeast Asia Monsoons *Dangerous Flooding Affecting Millions, Donations To Help Accepted*

PHOENIX, ARIZ.— Heavy monsoon rains in Nepal, Bangladesh and India have affected more than 24 million people and claimed the lives of over 700 victims across Southeast Asia. Phoenix- based, international non-profit [Food for the Hungry](#) (FH) is currently responding to and planning for potential, additional flooding in these areas. The heavy, localized monsoon rains and upstream floodwaters in Nepal and India are the main causes of flooding where a total of eight rivers have risen above the “danger level.”

While it is the heartbeat of FH to bring sustainable development to communities, there are times that unexpected events, such as natural disasters, catapult already vulnerable people into devastating situations. When an unforeseen disaster hits, FH is prepared to come to the aid of the affected countries to provide basic needs such as food and water.

“These massive storms have impacted a vast area of Southeast Asia and are likely to become a serious humanitarian disaster for years to come. Two million people have been forced from their homes and in many places, the water has not started to recede,” said Tim Danz, Asia Regional Director, Food for the Hungry.

Residents are at risk of contracting diseases such as malaria and Japanese encephalitis, as well as waterborne diseases such as cholera. To combat this, FH is responding in the Bogra District of Bangladesh, the area most affected, with the goal to improve access and storage of drinking water by distributing household water filters, water purification tablets, packets of oral rehydration salts and water collection buckets. Food for the Hungry will also be mobilizing volunteers from both within the community as well as neighboring areas to repair flood-damaged homes. The current goal is to repair at least 500 homes by supplying 4,000 sheets of metal roofing and 4,000 concrete pillars.

The best way to help victims of is to make a financial donation at [fh.org](#). Contributions will be used to purchase needed items from as many local vendors as possible which will also help jumpstart the economy.

About Food for the Hungry

Founded in 1971, Food for the Hungry provides emergency relief and long-term development programs with operations in more than 20 countries, seeking to end all forms of human poverty. Using solutions that are innovative and community-specific to the complex view of poverty, Food for the Hungry contributes to community-owned transformations that empower children, families and communities to invest in their own development.

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