

Being instructed by the [Cabinet Secretary](#), Senior officers of Defence Services, [NDRF](#), [NDMA](#) and Secretaries of Civilian Ministries conducted meetings with Kerala Chief Secretary. Following the decisions taken during these meetings, the Centre launched massive rescue and relief operations. In one of the largest rescue operations, 40 helicopters, 31 aircraft, 182 teams for rescue, 18 medical teams of defense forces, 58 teams of NDRF and 7 companies of [Central Armed Police Forces](#) were pressed into service along with over 500 boats and necessary rescue equipments. Totally, 60,000 people are rescued from marooned areas and was shifted to relief camps.

Additionally, 52 rescue teams of central forces including units of the [Indian Army](#) and the [Indian Navy](#) and state governed forces like [Kerala Police](#) and [Kerala Fire and Rescue Services](#) assisted the civilian administration in rescue work and restoration. In addition to the 10 teams of the [National Disaster Response Force](#), four additional teams were airlifted from [Guntur](#) and [Arakkonam](#) to assist the [Ernakulam district administration](#). [Union Minister for Home Affairs Rajnath Singh](#) conducted an aerial survey of Idukki and Ernakulam districts along with Chief Minister [Pinarayi Vijayan](#).

Fisherman from [Thiruvananthapuram](#) and [Kollam](#) districts took part in the rescue operations with their boats and rescued several who were trapped in their homes by rising waters. The Kerala Government announced financial aid in return for their support and effort in the rescue mission. The hilly [Wayanad district](#) have been totally cut-off, with roads washed away.

According to the latest official figures, more than 800,000 people have been lodged in over 4,000 relief camps across 14 districts. On August 19, the state's Chief Minister [Pinarayi Vijayan](#) vowed "to save even the last person stranded".

Animals

Sally Varma of [Humane Society International](#) arranged for animals to be rescued and transported to special shelters that housed affected animals. Social media has been used to highlight the rescue of multiple animals - dogs, cats, goats, cows, cattle, ducks and snakes, with animal feed and medicine transported to affected areas.

A worker with the [Humane Society International](#) spoke out against the tethering and leaving of pets that occurred. "That became a problem. So many tethered animals just drowned. These animals are natural swimmers, and it is better to keep them free so they can swim to higher ground." According to government records more than 8,000 cattle, calves and buffaloes, 3,297 goats, and 47 dogs have died due to the flooding.

The District Collector of [Malappuram](#), and its Chief of Police have instructed the police force to save any animal that they encounter during rescue operation.

Relief and monetary aid

Government, NGOs and NPOs

- The [Government of Kerala](#) started a donation website for flood victims. As of 24 August 2018, ₹552 crore (US\$80 million) was collected from the public. [Google](#), [Facebook](#) and e-commerce websites [Amazon](#), [Flipkart](#), [BigBasket](#), [Airtel Payments Bank](#), [Paytm](#) and [Tez](#) have also provided an option for donation for relief efforts on their respective platforms.
- [Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi](#) announced a sum of ₹500 crore (US\$73 million) as interim relief for Kerala on 18 August 2018. This is in addition to ₹100

crore (US\$15 million) announced by the Home Minister on 12 August 2018. The central government also said in its press release that this ₹600 crore (US\$87 million) is only the advance assistance and that additional funds will be released by the NDRF when an inter-ministerial team visits again and assesses the damage.

- European Union has announced an assistance of ₹1.53 crore (US\$220,000) in aid funding to the Indian Red Cross Society for providing relief to flood-affected people in Kerala
- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced that Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE's Armed Forces HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan offered an amount of ₹700 crore (US\$100 million) for assistance towards relief works. Extending condolences to the family of the deceased, Qatar Prime Minister Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani tweeted & offered a sum of ₹34.5 crore (US\$5.0 million) for the relief works. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan while expressing solidarity, in his tweet, offered for all kinds of humanitarian assistance. Governments of Maldives and Thailand have also offered aid and their support. However, the spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs of India made it clear that in line with the existing foreign policy, India won't be able to accept such funds from a foreign government.
- Many Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislative Assemblies and Councils, civil servants and government employees across the country have also donated their one month's salary and/or allowances towards Kerala Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund.
- Chief Ministers of almost all the states and Union Territories have pledged monetary aid from their respective state funds in addition to dispatch of various relief materials such as potable water, blankets, packed food, rice, water-purifying machines, daily-use and healthcare products.