

# **Government actions**

- 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 ecommerce 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 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.
- 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. However, this has been put on hold following the Central Government's refusal to allow Kerala to accept aid from a foreign government.
- Besides the UAE, Pakistan, Qatar, Maldives and Thailand have also offered aid. These have also been put on hold due to the MEA's objection.
- 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.