

SXC's Response to the Flood Disaster

Dispatch # 4

17th August 2017

1. The base team at SXC received good tidings from the Extension Team #1 at Biratnagar. The Relief Team led by SXC alumna Prasun Rajabhandari, of the Birat Medical College (BMC) and SXC's Team #1 led by Basu Dev Ghimire Sir and Shishir Bhusal Sir had a meeting at BMC to plan ahead. Both the teams together visited several severely affected villages outside Biratnagar. The team reports that while life in the city is limping towards normalcy, the villagers are bereft of even their daily food. SXC team, with the help of BMC team, made family packs of dry food, water purifiers and sanitary items for 43 households who were sheltered in a government school. SXC had collected these materials through its students and staff on the second day of the disaster and had transported them to Biratnagar on the 3rd day after the disaster.

2. In the meantime SXC's Extension Team #2 (four undergraduate students under the guidance of a local contact) took a micro bus down to Chitwan. SXC received pleas for help from two dalit villages who lost everything due to the flood in the Maldhi area of Chitwan. Our team is doing a quick need assessment so that the Base Team at SXC can start dispatching the necessary materials. Thanks to Fr. Michael, CST for helping our team with his vehicle to go around the flood affected areas.

3. SXC's Extension Team #3 - Nabin Giri Sir and two students from the Department of Major Arts - left for Biratnagar this morning at 7. They have carried family packs for immediate relief for 300 hundred households. The family pack includes:

1. Jeevan Jal – 5 Packets
2. Sanitary Pad – 1 Pkt.
3. Chiura – 5 kg.
4. Salt – 1 kg
5. Sugar -1/2 kg
6. Noodles (Wai Wai) – 10 pkts
7. Biscuit – 10 pkts
8. Chana (gram) – 1 kg
9. Soap – 3 pcs
10. Piyush – 1 bottle
11. Dalmoth – 1 kg
12. Bucket – 300 with lid (15 ltrs)
13. Jug – 1

4. The SXC Base Team did a quick survey of our staff and students to find out if any of their households were severely affected by the flood. We are glad to learn that the affected students numbered less than 10.

5. SXC's Extension Team #4 is all prepared to move to Sadakbari/Simulbari – Jhapa, as soon as we receive sufficient data from the Jesuits who are doing the initial assessments there.

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