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STORY OF THE MONTH:

Wayanad Landslide Resilience Initiative

On the early morning of July 30, 2024, a shattering landslide struck Mundakkai in Wayanad, Kerala, at 1:30 a.m., followed by two additional landslides within the next three hours. The hardest-hit areas include Chooralmala, Attamala, and Mundakkai. The midnight disaster hampered immediate response, resulting in widespread devastation. Injured individuals have been transported to the Wayanad Institute of Medical Sciences (WIMS) in Meppadi and other facilities in Kalpetta. The recent landslide in Wayanad has had a devastating impact on the region. Approximately 6,750 people have been affected, with 394 confirmed dead and 206 others missing and feared deceased. The disaster has also resulted in 200 individuals being hospitalized. To accommodate those displaced, 92 relief camps have been established, currently sheltering 9,428 people. The landslide has destroyed over 1,300 homes and 30 worker cottages, leading to significant property loss. In addition, 3,700 acres of agricultural land have been lost, severely affecting 1,285 farmers and their livelihoods. Furthermore, 21 acres of land have been washed away, compounding the damage and need for immediate support.



CYDA 's approach:

On August 4, the Centre for Youth Development and Activities (CYDA) arrived in Sultan Bathery, near the affected zones. The scale of the destruction was profound, and our mission was to assess the situation and offer crucial support. CYDA approached "Shreyas" organization, which provided valuable insights into the disaster's impact and facilitated our access to Mapedi Camp—a critical shelter for those displaced by the landslides.



At Mapedi Camp, over 10,000 people were seeking assistance across 92 camps, and the scale of the humanitarian efforts were immense. The camp also housed unidentified deceased individuals, underscoring the human cost of the disaster



On August 4, CYDA assessed the disaster in Sultan Bathery. With "Shreyas," they accessed Mapedi Camp, housing over 10,000 displaced people in 92 camps, highlighting the immense need for aid and significant human losses.



Gaps Identified:

The team had discussions with Inter Agency Group (IAG) help desk at Collector's office, where it was addressed that there was a severe shortage of sanitation facilities across the camps. This gap in relief efforts required immediate attention. At Arapetta Camp, we identified an urgent need for sanitary pads for women, highlighting a significant oversight in the relief efforts and the necessity for more comprehensive support. Again on August 5, we visited Rippon Camp, home to migrant laborers from Uttar Pradesh and Assam. While no casualties were reported among the workers, their situation was horrible.



They expressed a strong desire to return home, but logistical issues had delayed their departure. Additionally, we identified a critical issues with waste management in the camps. The lack of waste segregation hampers efficient recycling and waste management. We are collaborating with local authorities and the community to develop a sustainable solution to this challenge.

CYDA's Intervention

Recognizing the urgency of the needs, CYDA Pune, stepped in to support and secure the people with essential materials. Our priority was to enhance the sanitation facilities and address the specific needs of the women and laborers in the camps. Our visit to the landslide-affected areas in Wayanad was both humbling and inspiring.

In response, CYDA Pune took swift action to provide essential materials and improve sanitation facilities. Our visit highlighted both the resilience of the affected communities and the urgent need for continued support. During our time at Kottanad Camp, we encountered a medical team from Tamil Nadu and laborers from Uttar Pradesh, who shared their harrowing experiences of a recent landslide that claimed lives and caused severe injuries.

The laborers also voiced frustration over delays in their return home and inadequate support from their employer. CYDA remains committed to addressing overlooked needs and ensuring that every individual's dignity is upheld during these challenging times. Till today CYDA has contributed Rs. 1,000,000 for the vital resilience efforts for Wayanad's landslides. On 7th August, 130 gumboots have been distributed at Mappedi.



CYDA Pune provided essential materials and improved sanitation for Wayanad landslide victims, distributing 130 gumboots at Mappedi Camp on August 7.



Our Appeal:



Based on our ground report, our team has pinpointed the crucial and immediate needs of people affected by the landslide in Wayanad. To support them effectively, we are calling for generous contributions of total Rs.10,00,000/- to address below materials.

Materials required for the people - Wayanad		
Sr.No.	Particulars	Quantity required
1	Gumboots	500
2	Tarpaulin	100
3	Soap	500
4	Toothpaste	500
5	Tooth brush	500
6	Mask surgical	1000
7	Sanitizer	(250 ml) 500
8	Surgical gloves	1000
9	Sanitary pads (Pkts)	500
10	Diapers for kids	500

Empowering Adolescent Girls: Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene & Health at CRC, Yerwada

On 21 July, a pivotal workshop on 'Menstrual Hygiene & Health' was conducted for 50 adolescent girls at CRC, Yerwada, Pune. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Sare Jahan Se Acha Foundation and IIEBM Indus Business School. The session featured engaging discussions, animated videos, and interactive quizzes, all designed to increase awareness about menstrual health, hygiene practices, and the role of nutrition. In addition to informative content, participants were provided with cloth and reusable pads, underscoring their importance of maintaining menstrual health. This hands-on approach not only enriched the girls' understanding of menstrual hygiene but also reinforced the significance of proper health education. The workshop marked a significant step in empowering young women with essential knowledge and practical tools for managing their menstrual health.



CYDA's Cholera Campaign in Dhawade Vasti: A Major Step Towards Better Hygiene and Sanitation

The CYDA's Cholera Campaign, held in Dhawade Vasti, Bhosari, Pune from 28 June 3 July, 2024, successfully engaged 9,785 participants. The event, attended by dignitaries from UNICEF Maharashtra, CYDA, and the Bhosari Health Department, aimed to combat cholera by promoting sanitation, hygiene, and access to clean water. Activities included home visits, corner meetings, pamphlet distribution, and handwashing demonstrations, particularly targeting children and women. The campaign sought to reduce cholera cases, improve hygiene practices, and enhance water safety, addressing the area's high cholera risk due to poor sanitation and limited clean water.



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