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Program for Empowering those Affected by the Disaster

Due to the emergency situation arising from the adverse weather conditions, a State of Public Emergency has been declared in Sri Lanka by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2464/30 dated 28-11-2025. Accordingly, the government has decided to provide immediate relief to restore the lives of the people affected by the emergency disaster situation.

02. The empowerment program is as follows.

Serial No.	Relief	Allowance
1	Payment of one-time allowance per housing unit to families affected by the disaster to clean and safely resettle in their houses after the emergency disaster situation, regardless of house ownership.	Rs. 25,000 per housing unit
2	Payment of one-time allowance per housing unit to purchase essential kitchen utensils, etc., for resettling in houses affected by the emergency disaster situation, regardless of house ownership.	Rs. 50,000 per housing unit
3	Monthly allowance paid for 03 months (December 2025, January & February 2026) to families who are unable to continue their livelihoods due to complete damage to their houses or lost their houses due to landslides and floods.	Rs. 25,000 for families with 02 or fewer members. Rs. 50,000 for families with more than 02 members.
4	Monthly rental allowance provided to house owners who have lost their houses due to landslides and floods and do not have a place to settle, until a new house is built.	Rs. 25,000 per month, up to a maximum of 06 months

Serial No.	Relief	Allowance
5	Payment of one-time allowance for crop damages or replanting of paddy, grains, maize, and field crops in agricultural lands affected by the disaster.	Rs. 150,000 per hectare
6	Payment of one-time allowance for crop damages or replanting of vegetable cultivations impacted by the disaster.	Rs. 200,000 per hectare
7	Payment of one-time allowance for livestock farms affected by the disaster (only to registered farm owners).	Rs. 200,000 per farm owner
8	Payment of one-time allowance to bring the disaster-affected individual, small and micro enterprises to a condition suitable for recommencing operations.	Rs. 200,000 per unit
9	Damage compensation for the disaster-affected fishing boats.	Maximum Rs. 400,000 per fishing boat
10	Payment of one-time allowance for the disaster-affected school children to purchase books and clothing.	Rs. 15,000 per school child
11	Compensation for damaged business buildings affected by the disaster.	Up to a maximum of Rs. 5,000,000 per unit (based on damage assessment)
12	Payment of allowance to build a new house for houses completely damaged and uninhabitable due to the disaster.	Rs. 5,000,000 per housing unit
13	Payment of allowance to purchase a suitable land, when government land cannot be provided to build a new house for a house completely damaged due to the disaster.	Maximum Rs. 5,000,000 per housing unit
14	Payment of allowance to repair houses partially damaged due to the disaster.	Up to a maximum of Rs. 2,500,000 (based on damage assessment)
15	Providing allowance to the closest relative of a person who died or in case of complete disability to the person who was disabled due to the disaster.	Rs. 1,000,000 per person

03. The above relief is limited only to the emergency disaster situation declared by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2464/30 dated 28-11-2025.

04. This circular does not preclude payment of relief types (ii) to (x) and (xiii) to (xiv) specified in Table 01 of Disaster Relief Services Circular No. 01/2025 dated 21-01-2025 issued by the

Secretary, Ministry of Defence. Nevertheless, the advance of Rs. 50,000/- for funeral expenses under item (i) of Table 01 of that circular may continue to be disbursed and shall not be deducted from the compensation for loss of life payable under Serial No. 15 of the table above in this circular.

05. The allowance mentioned under Serial No. 01 of the above table in this circular shall not be paid again to housing units that have already received the Rs. 25,000/- allowance entitled through letter No. NDRSC/02/04/10 dated 02-12-2025, issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence under the heading "Guideline related to providing an allowance of Rs. 25,000/= for restoring the houses fit for habitation due to the comprehensive disaster situation that has affected from 21st November".

06. The Disaster Relief Service Guidelines No. 01/2025 dated 21-01-2025 issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Defence should be used when selecting beneficiaries and assessing damages for the relief specified under Serial Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the above table of this circular.

07. Beneficiaries receiving relief for crop damages specified under Serial No. 5 of the above table in this circular shall not be paid other benefits for crop damage provided through government funds.

08. Once allowance for land is granted under Serial No. 13 of the above table in this circular, the original land will be acquired properly by the government.

09. Implementing agencies shall be responsible for maintaining formal data and information regarding the details of beneficiaries and payments pertaining to these relief measures.

10. The Treasury will provide the necessary provisions to the spending agencies mentioned in Annex 01 for the implementation of this empowerment program.

Sgd./ Dr. Harshana Suriyapperuma
Secretary to the Treasury

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Providing Provisions and Implementing Guidelines for carrying out the Empowerment Program

No.	Relief	Allowance	Expenditure head for which appropriations are provided	Implementation
1	Payment of one-time allowance per housing unit to families affected by the disaster to clean and safely resettle in their houses after the emergency disaster situation, regardless of house ownership.	Rs. 25,000 per housing unit	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
2	Payment of one-time allowance per housing unit to purchase essential kitchen utensils, etc., for resettling in houses affected by the emergency disaster situation, regardless of house ownership.	Rs. 50,000 per housing unit	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
3	Monthly allowance paid for 03 months (December 2025, January & February 2026) to families who are unable to continue their livelihoods due to complete damage to their houses or lost their houses due to landslides and floods.	Rs. 25,000 for families with 02 or fewer members. Rs. 50,000 for families with more than 02 members.	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
4	Monthly rental allowance provided to house owners who have lost their houses due to landslides and floods and do not have a place to settle, until a new house is built.	Rs. 25,000 per month, up to a maximum of 06 months	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
5	Payment of one-time allowance for crop damages or replanting of paddy, grains, maize, and field crops in agricultural lands affected by the disaster.	Rs. 150,000 per hectare	281 - Dept. of Agrarian Development 285 - Dept. of Agriculture	Dept. of Agrarian Development/ Dept. of Agriculture

No.	Relief	Allowance	Expenditure head for which appropriations are provided	Implementation
6	Payment of one-time allowance for crop damages or replanting of vegetable cultivations impacted by the disaster.	Rs. 200,000 per hectare	285 - Dept. of Agriculture	Dept. of Agriculture
7	Payment of one-time allowance for livestock farms affected by the disaster (only to registered farm owners).	Rs. 200,000 per farm owner	292 - Dept. of Animal Production and Health	Dept. of Animal Production and Health
8	Payment of one-time allowance to bring the disaster-affected individual, small and micro enterprises to a condition suitable for recommencing operations	Rs. 200,000 per unit	For individuals, small and micro businesses registered under the Ministry of Industries 149 - Min. of Industries	Divisional Secretariats
			Other registered individuals, small and micro businesses 103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
9	Damage compensation for the disaster-affected fishing boats.	Maximum Rs. 400,000 per fishing boat	290 - Dept. of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	Dept. of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
10	Payment of one-time allowance for the disaster-affected school children to purchase books and clothing.	Rs. 15,000 per school child	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
11	Compensation for damaged business buildings affected by the disaster.	Up to a maximum of Rs. 5,000,000 per unit (based on damage assessment)	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
12	Payment of allowance to build a new house for houses completely damaged and uninhabitable due to the disaster.	Rs. 5,000,000 per housing unit	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats

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13	Payment of allowance to purchase a suitable land, when government land cannot be provided to build a new house for a house completely damaged due to the disaster.	Maximum Rs. 5,000,000 per housing unit	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
14	Payment of allowance to repair houses partially damaged due to the disaster.	Up to a maximum of Rs. 2,500,000 (based on damage assessment)	103 - Min. of Defence	Divisional Secretariats
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