



**EMERGENCY RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT OVERSEAS
CRISIS RESPONSE– SRI LANKA**

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Sri Lanka is facing a humanitarian crisis due to the ongoing armed conflict. This requires an urgent response; official estimates state there are approximately a quarter of a million people who need immediate help. The situation in north Sri Lanka is a catastrophe, with approximately 50,000 civilians, including a large number of children, still trapped in what has ironically been called a “No Fire Zone” in north-east Sri Lanka.

This narrow peninsular strip of land, surrounded by sea and lagoons on three sides and by the Sri Lankan army on the fourth side, has become a battleground with armed conflict between the Sri Lankan government forces and the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam).

UN estimates suggest that 6,500 people have been killed and many innocent people severely wounded. There is desperate need for food, water and basic medical supplies such as anesthesia and antibiotics. Approximately 200,000 internally displaced people (IDP) have taken refuge in makeshift camps.

ERDO is working with several trusted partners, including the "Tamil Pastors Fellowship of Canada" to respond to the urgent needs. With your help ERDO will provide Relief Kits of non-food relief items such as clothing, toiletries, slippers, towels, bedding, metal cup and plate and cooking pots.

ERDO needs your financial gift to help us re-build lives in Sri Lanka:

Generous, substantial gifts will enable ERDO to provide assistance to thousands of people. Together we can help re-build lives, care for the traumatized and bring hope to the suffering.

Your help is urgently needed to assist those facing desperate need. Giving options are:

1. Cheque – payable to “ERDO – SRI LANKA Crisis Response”. Mail to ERDO, 2450 Milltower Court, Mississauga, ON, L5N 5Z6.
2. Phone – Credit card donations can be made by calling 905-542-7400 or toll free 1-800-779-7262 at any time. Please note that your call will be forwarded to an automated attendant where you can securely leave your donation information.
3. Website - www.erdo.ca Click the donation button and then follow instructions for “Sri Lanka Crisis”

Thank you for your compassion, support and continued prayers for all the affected people!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Honsinger', written in a cursive style.

Rev. Kelvin Honsinger
Executive Director – ERDO

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“Do good. Seek justice. Rescue the oppressed. Defend the orphan. Plead for the widow.” Isaiah 1:17