Sri Lanka – floods
Appeal for emergency response
As of 2 June 2017

IFRC appeal
Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, supported by the IFRC, is responding to a major flooding disaster that has affected over 650,000 people in 15 districts across the country. Since the onset of the disaster, Red Cross volunteers have been providing assistance including first aid, safe drinking water, and emergency sanitation.

2 million Swiss francs for urgent humanitarian support
40,000 people supported over the next 9 months

Snapshot
Since 25 May, parts of Sri Lanka have been affected by severe weather caused by the intensifying south-west monsoon. Heavy rains triggered widespread flooding and landslides in 15 of the country’s 25 districts, particularly in the south-west. According to the government, more than 200 people have been killed, dozens more are missing, and over 650,000 people have been affected including almost 70,000 people who have been displaced.

The flooding has also contaminated water sources and damaged sanitation systems. Sri Lanka Red Cross volunteers and staff have already reached more than 7,500 survivors in desperate need.

Key figures
Over 200 deaths in the disaster and close to 100 are still missing.
More than 650,000 people have been affected, including tens of thousands who have been displaced.
15 districts across the country affected by the worst flooding in 14 years.