

IAYSP Sri Lanka: UPF Brings Food Aid to Flood Affected Families in Sri Lanka

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Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka – Cooperation between UPF chapters in Singapore and Sri Lanka brought food aid to 250 families affected by flooding in Mullaitivu, Sri Lanka, delivered on December 28, 2024. One month earlier, on November 27, Cyclone Fengal had swept across northeastern Sri Lanka, bringing floods that wreaked havoc, displacing families and disrupting livelihoods.



Dr. Chula Senaratne, secretary general of UPF-Sri Lanka, appealed to his counterpart in Singapore, who launched a campaign to raise funds for flood victims. They were able to provide staple food items including rice, flour, canned fish and dhal to the affected families, which comprised 1,050 people.



The goods were distributed with the help of staff from the offices of **Hon. K. Kader Masthan**, member

of parliament for Wannai District, and **Mr. S. Jeyakanthan**, divisional secretary for Oddusuttan, Mullaitivu. **Capt. S. Sarrajh**, president of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) Sri Lanka, served as project coordinator.



Mullaitivu was similarly affected in 2023 during the same period. At that time also kind donors from Singapore came forward with staple food donations that were distributed to devastated families in Puthikuduiruppu, Mullaitivu District, in January 2024.



On both occasions, affected families were moved by the global community's kindness and support at a time of crisis.

UPF-Sri Lanka is committed to alleviating suffering and assisting communities affected by natural disasters. By collaborating with government officials, local leaders, and international donors, UPF-Sri Lanka strives to embody a spirit of compassion and cooperation. On a broader scale, through various projects and partnerships, it addresses societal challenges, promotes reconciliation, and empowers communities in need.