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Sri Lanka Floods & Landslides - Situation Update

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1. National Overview

Flood and landslide impacts continue across multiple districts of Sri Lanka. While displacement levels continue to gradually decline, updated assessments indicate a slight increase in the total affected population and housing damage, reflecting verification of impacts in several districts.



According to the Disaster Management Centre update of 16 December 2025 at 0600 hrs, the national situation is as follows :

- **483,622 families affected**
- **1,678,022 persons affected**
- **643 deaths**
- **183 missing persons**
- **6,200 fully damaged houses**
- **96,545 partially damaged houses**

Displacement & Shelter

- **731 safety centres active, sheltering:**
 - **22,348 families**
 - **70,297 persons**

Despite a reduction in safety centres, significant numbers of households remain displaced, particularly in districts affected by landslides and extensive housing damage.

2. Worst-Affected Districts



Highest Affected Populations

- Colombo: 330,464 persons
- Puttalam: 275,501 persons
- Kandy: 175,305 persons
- Kurunegala: 93,318 persons
- Trincomalee: 90,489 persons

Highest Fatalities

- Kandy: 237 deaths
- Badulla: 88 deaths
- Nuwara Eliya: 89 deaths
- Kurunegala: 61 deaths
- Kegalle: 32 deaths



Fully Damaged Houses

- **Kandy: 2,013**
- **Nuwara Eliya: 767**
- **Puttalam: 637**
- **Kurunegala: 603**
- **Badulla: 596**

Partially Damaged Houses

- **Kandy: 14,798**
- **Kegalle: 13,681**
- **Badulla: 8,070**
- **Puttalam: 8,789**
- **Ratnapura: 7,537**

3. Displacement & Safety Centres

A total of 731 safety centres remain operational nationwide.

Districts with Highest Numbers of Displaced Persons in Centres

- **Badulla:**
 - **155 centres**
 - **6,038 families (21,474 persons)**
- **Nuwara Eliya:**
 - **192 centres**
 - **6,225 families (19,719 persons)**
- **Kandy:**
 - **218 centres**
 - **5,739 families (16,317 persons)**
- **Kegalle:**
 - **91 centres**
 - **2,503 families (7,197 persons)**
- **Matale:**
 - **42 centres**
 - **1,334 families (3,938 persons)**

While centre populations continue to decline in some districts, prolonged displacement persists in hill country districts due to unsafe housing and unstable land conditions.

4. Sectoral Situation

Food & Essential Needs

- Continued need for dry rations and cooked meals in remaining safety centres.
- Households returning to damaged homes require food assistance and basic household items.

Health & Nutrition

- Children, pregnant and lactating women, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities remain particularly vulnerable.
- Risk of water-borne diseases and nutrition-related concerns persists in districts with prolonged displacement.

Shelter & Protection

- Severe housing damage, particularly in Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, and Puttalam, continues to delay safe returns.

Overcrowding remains a concern in several large centres despite overall reductions.



5. Priority Districts for SUN PF Intervention

Based on affected populations, fatalities, housing damage, and displacement levels:

Tier 1 Priority Districts

- Kandy
- Badulla
- Nuwara Eliya
- Puttalam
- Kurunegala

Tier 2 Priority Districts

- Kegalle
- Ratnapura
- Colombo
- Mannar
- Trincomalee



6. Key Challenges

- High levels of fully destroyed housing limiting durable return options
- Continued displacement despite receding floodwaters
- Gaps in updated GN/ward-level data for targeted assistance
- Ongoing risk of secondary hazards, particularly landslides in saturated hill country areas



7. Conclusion

As of 16 December 2025 – 0600 hrs, floods and landslides continue to affect over 1.67 million people across Sri Lanka. While displacement continues to gradually decline, sustained humanitarian assistance remains essential, particularly for shelter, protection, and early recovery in districts with high fatalities and extensive housing damage.

