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CCA Statement on widespread destruction and loss of life following floods and landslides in India

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) expresses deep sorrow and grave concern over the widespread destruction and loss of life caused by floods and landslides triggered by torrential monsoon rains across several regions of India.

Across multiple states, communities are confronting extensive damage, displacement, and suffering. Assam remains among the worst-affected regions in the country, where severe flooding has claimed more than 65 lives and affected over half a million people. In Jammu and Kashmir, flash floods and landslides have caused multiple fatalities and injuries, while fresh landslides continue to leave thousands stranded.

The magnitude of the destruction in Assam is deeply alarming. Vast areas have suffered extensive damage to homes, infrastructure, and agricultural land, while essential public services have also been significantly affected. Many communities remain at risk as floodwaters persist, transportation routes remain disrupted, and access to relief and recovery assistance continues to be constrained in several locations.

While torrential rains have been the immediate catalyst, experts have observed that deforestation and other forms of ecological degradation may have intensified the severity of flooding and landslides. These disasters are a grave reminder of the interconnectedness of human activity and environmental well-being, and of the consequences of weakening the natural systems that sustain and protect communities, particularly those already living in vulnerable conditions.

In this time of profound loss and distress, CCA extends its deepest condolences to the families mourning the loss of loved ones and holds in prayer all those whose homes and livelihoods have been swept away by these calamities.

CCA calls upon its member churches, member councils, and ecumenical partners to stand in solidarity with affected communities, to mobilise financial and humanitarian assistance, and to offer pastoral accompaniment to those enduring grief, displacement, and uncertainty.

As rescue, relief, and recovery efforts continue, we pray for courage and resilience for those impacted, and for wisdom, perseverance, and grace for all those coordinating emergency responses.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). May God’s abiding presence bring comfort, hope, and strength to all those affected.

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