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## **Major flooding displacing millions in India; Partners International moving to provide relief**

**BRAMPTON, ON** - With millions displaced by the recent flooding in West Bengal, Partners International Canada's ministry partner, JKPS is travelling to serve people affected by the flooding. JKPS leaders and pastors have surveyed the damage that has occurred and are working to initiate relief efforts by serving over 200 families. With over 13,000 villages remaining underwater, families are left stranded with no homes and minimal food and water. JKPS is working to provide affected families with non-perishable food items that will help them survive until the flood waters recede. As the waters begin to leave the area, JKPS plans to be involved in providing reconstruction materials to a region that will need help to recover.

"Prayer and support are needed to help those who have been affected." Says Partners International president, Kevin McKay. "As many churches and homes have been damaged, serious reconstruction efforts will be needed to help establish permanent residence. In the short-term, relief supplies become integral as many have been displaced with no way to survive."

The flooding has also heavily affected Myanmar, where the government has placed the country in a state of emergency. Our ministry partner, Grace Haven, has reported all of their ministry workers as being safe and are moving to evaluate the relief work that will need to be done. Travel continues to be unsafe in the region, and we ask for continued prayer as many of our ministry partners continue to work in dangerous places to help people who have lost their homes and in many cases, loved ones.

Partners International Canada is committed to working in both countries to promote long term sustainability and recovery. While the flood waters will eventually recede, millions will continue to be displaced having lost their homes and livelihoods. Our ministry partners are developing a long-term strategy to help flood victims as the long road to recovery begins.

**About Us:** Partners International is a leading Christian not-for-profit delivering holistic international development. Our mission is to mobilize Canadians into partnership with indigenous NGO's to bring sustainable transformation in the world's harshest sectors. By partnering with indigenous organizations we are able to provide direct, grassroots assistance to those who need it most. For more information on our work please visit our website at [partnersinternational.ca](http://partnersinternational.ca)

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