## Supporting the Sangha in this Difficult Time

In Sri Lanka, everyone is facing many shortages, including milk, rice, flour, paper, petrol, and cooking gas, as well as many kinds of medicine. Inflation is rampant, and the value of the rupee is falling further everyday. When people cannot afford sufficient food for their families, it is difficult for them to offer food to the Sangha, who are completely dependent on donations. This situation is very serious for the small temples in remote villages.





**Buddhist Relief Mission would like** to offer essential food and medicine to these monks, nuns, and novices who are in dire straits.





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# An Update on BRM Relief during Sri Lanka's Crisis

The response to our appeal has been gratifying. Some donors have suggested that, in this time of crisis, we include families and charitable institutions of all ethnic groups, and we heartify agree! With the reimposition of the State of Emergency, a breakdown of infrastructure, food and fuel shortages, and galloping inflation, the situation has become even more dire. During the first week of the project, we were able to make deliveries of food and medicine to 4 monasteries, 3 nunneries, a school for disabled children, and about 50 food-insecure families. As soon as travel is again possible, we will deliver to another nunnery, 52 families in a village north of Kandy, 20 families in another village, and 10 orphanages. By networking and cooperating with like-hearted friends, faith groups, and local organizations, we are, every day, identifying other needy institutions and families. Unfortunately, in just this one week, the cost of one parcet has gone up more than 10% and is tikely to increase even more in the coming days. The crisis is certain to continue and worsen, but we are committed to continue this relief work as long as we can. Sadhul Sadhull Sadhull to all of our donors. Denate



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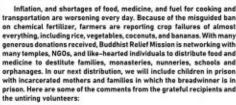






# BRM Relief during Sri Lanka's Continuing Crisis May 20, 2022

#### "Hunger is the Greatest Disease." -The Buddha



"I had completely run out of dry rations. I was wondering what I could cook for the children tomorrow." -Matron of Narvodaya Boys Home for children with Down Syndrome

"Thank you for ordering so many parcels. I have not had much business, and I could not pay my staff." –a shopkeeper in Kandy

"We were able to deliver 800 kgs of food before we ran out of petrol." -Sylvia and Indrajith

"I delivered food to 4 poor families. One woman, a single parent with 2 kids, was almost in tears and transferred merit to donors from the bottom of her heart." - Ven. Mettajiva



























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### **Buddhist Relief Mission**

## Continuing and Expanding Relief during the Crisis in Sri Lanka



Since launching our appeal last month, Buddhist Relief Mission has been able to distribute packets of dry rations to hundreds of finities, as well as temples, orphanages, schools, and other institutions in and around Kandy, but the situation grows more dire every day. We are happy to report that our project is expanding to include three new recipient groups.

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#### Veddas

The Veddas are the indigenous people of Sri Lanka. They are an impoverished and often neglected community. Through the Kandy Cancer Society we were able to contact the leader of the village near Mahiyangana. Food will be delivered to 100 families there on June 16. Here is an excerpt from the letter we received:

#### Dear Buddhist Relief Mission.

We Sri Lankans have no words to thank you far your generosity in assisting the less fortunate people of this beautiful bland. May good bealth and cheer be with you. My sincere greetings to all these near and far who assist to this operation.

The Vedda chief suggests we come with the refersion Thursday, his 75th furthday. We are accepting to side a parent of thy refersion and 5 coconests to 100 families. I have invited a few Dectors to travel on this day to examine some patients who need urgest medical treatment.

We must not stop at this. Let us collectively assist whenever and wherever we can and to practice the idea of "Caning and Sharing." With metta, Mohan





Veddas: The First People Of Sri Lanka by Thisa Aranagirinathan

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#### Tea Estate Workers

With the tea industry suffering a sethoack during the crisis, the Tamil workers on the estates are in dire straits. Our first distribution to 30 families in this group will be on Sunday, June 12.



#### Families of Prisoners

Through a Kandy policeman, we have been able to identify in the Kandy area about 30 families of whom the brendwinner is currently incarcerated. That policeman is arranging for dry rations to be delivered to each of those families.



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