

Disaster Stations



The international and national context:

In 2018 Kerala in southern India experienced its worst floods in over one hundred years, following heavy monsoon rains. As of September 2018, nearly 400 people died, and one million people had been displaced. There are over 1,500 emergency relief camps that have been set up, where hundreds of thousands of people are now living.

Flooding is also something that we can experience here in the UK after periods of drought followed by heavy rain especially in places which are close to the sea, streams and rivers.

Scenario 1: Heavy rain

It's June and you are living in a village in Bangladesh. It is monsoon season, but there seems to be much more rain than previous years.

Think about:

- How might the rain make things more difficult?
- What things do you need to help you?
- What might you need to do if the rain continues falling heavily?



Image from <https://nijhoom.com/bangladesh-village-picture/>

Scenario 2: Flooding

It's now July and you've had a whole month of heavy rain. The river kept rising and has now overflowed. The ground was already wet and unable to soak up any more water, so a large area flooded. Water has flooded into your home and it isn't safe to stay, so you need to leave. You don't know when you will be able to go back.

Think about:

- What will you take with you? Remember, you will have to be able to carry everything you choose.
- What help do you need and who will it come from?



Image from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-40948482>

Scenario 3: Emergency accommodation

It's now December and you have been living in emergency accommodation which is very basic and involves you living in very cramped conditions with lots of other people. You are still not able to go back to your village.

Think about:

- What do you miss about living at home?
- What are you missing out on? What might help?



Image from <https://humanity-inclusion.org.uk/en/news/sri-lanka-floods-thousands-of-people-affected>