



Vanavil Trust
Keezhakarayiruppu Village,
Sikkal Post, Nagapattinam District,
Tamil Nadu, India 611 108

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Requesting funding support for Cyclone "Gaja" relief efforts.

I am the Managing Trustee of Vanavil Trust. Vanavil is an NGO focused on the upliftment of children from extremely marginalized communities in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu.

We have undertaken relief efforts to help families affected by Cyclone "Gaja" in Nagapattinam district. We are particularly focused on areas which have not received any help from the authorities. We are requesting help to provide relief kits to 5,000 families in Vedaranyam, Keezayur and Thalaignayiru blocks.

I look forward to your support in this time of dire need. As this is a matter of urgent need, I request you to consider this as early as possible and assist us in these efforts.

Should you have any questions about this proposal or Vanavil in general, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Cyclone “Gaja” has wreaked havoc in ten districts of Tamil Nadu, when it struck the coast of Nagapattinam at midnight on November 15, 2018. It has devastated the coastal areas of Nagapattinam district, shattering homes and destroying villages. About 3.8 lakh people are in temporary camps in these districts. Not a single tree could be seen standing, not to mention crops, fishing boats, and homes in several villages. Thatched roofs have been blown away making people homeless and the children have lost their school bags, books and notebooks. It could be a month before power is restored as more than 30,000 electric posts and every transformer is severely damaged.

About Vanavil Trust

Vanavil Trust runs a primary school and a training center.

Vanavil Primary School is an alternative school working closely with two of the most marginalized communities in Tamil Nadu. Boom Boom Mattukarars and Narikuravars are ancient nomadic tribes who have been forced to eke out a living through begging and selling minor wares. Vanavil was started in 2005 in the aftermath of the Asian Tsunami. For more information, please visit <http://www.vanavil.org>

Vaasal Training Center started in 2018 addresses the critical gap between education and employability for the youth of Nagapattinam. As one of the most backward districts in India, youth of Nagapattinam do not have many opportunities and most often they are not even aware of what is available to them. Vaasal aims to address that through training for higher education entrance exams, TNPSC coaching, computer literacy and counselling for available opportunities.

Who are we helping?

Vanavil’s efforts will focus on reaching out to affected families in and Vedaranyam, Keezayur and Thalaigayiru blocks of Nagapattinam district.

Vanavil team has visited these villages and assessed that approximately 5,000 families are in immediate need of relief supplies.

Team

Relief efforts will be led by Ms. Revathi Radhakrishnan, Managing Trustee, Vanavil Trust and Mr. K. Natarajan, Coordinator, Vanavil Trust. They will be supported by a team of Vanavil volunteers and local leaders.



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The Vanavil Advantage

Vanavil is uniquely positioned to spring into action quickly and provide relief. In fact, the genesis of Vanavil dates back to another natural calamity, the Asian Tsunami of 2004. A group of young volunteers decided to start Vanavil to help the extremely marginalized communities they came across while doing Tsunami relief work.

In addition to the previous relief work experience, having been operating in that area over the last 13 years, we are intimately familiar with all the villages around the town of Nagapattinam. Moreover, the relationships we have built with a lot of local leaders will help us immensely to do efficient relief work at this time of dire need.

What is in the relief kit?

Each relief kit will contain the following.

Item	Cost
Groceries - Rice: 5 kg - Dal: 1 kg - Oil: 0.5 litres - Sugar: 1 kg - Salt - 1 kg - Chilli powder - 0.25 kg - Tea leaves - 100 gm - Biscuits - Milk powder	Rs. 500
Tarpaulin (20' x 15')	Rs. 360
Bed sheet (1)	Rs. 130
Lungi (1)	Rs. 200
Nightie or Saree (1)	Rs. 200
Torch light (1)	Rs. 200
Candles (1 pack) and match box (1)	Rs. 50



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Total	Rs. 1640
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Packing and Distribution

Relief kits will be packed individually at our **Vaasal Training Center** building located at

**No. 264, Public Office Road,
Velipalayam, Nagapattinam - 611 001**

We are using the Vanavil school bus to carry relief materials and they will be personally handed over to families in need by our volunteers.

Funds needed

We are requesting support for providing this relief kit to 5,000 families. The total requested funding is shown in the table below.

Item	Cost
Relief kits (5000)	Rs. 82,00,000
Transportation (for delivering kits)	Rs. 40,000
Total	Rs. 82,40,000



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Relief Update: Until 27th Nov, we have helped 1949 families with basic necessities like food, clothes, tarps for the roof, solar lamps in the villages listed below and we continue to provide relief supplies to families in need.

Pazhayatrangarai Theruku
Pazhayatrankarai Vadakku
Mudaliyappan Kandi
SadyanKottagai
Seraankulam
Mukkatti Theru
Vadakku Theru
Vanavanmadevi
Kesavanodai
Sinthamani
Santhanam Theru
Lingathadi
Muneeswarankovil
Velanimundal
Vandal Kunranveli
Azhagu Mariyamman Kovil Theru
Therku Veethi
Conservancy Workers Colony
Gandhi Veethi
Kamarajar Veethi
Agasthiyampalli
Pushpavanam Dalit Families
Oradiambalam Gandhi Colony Theru
Kodunganni
Pichakattalai
Vaaymedu
Karuppampulam
Chettipulam



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