



THE FREEMASONS'
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AID FOR CYCLONE NARGIS VICTIMS

Save the Children's relief work in Burma (Myanmar) is to be supported by the £20,000 emergency grant approved last week, following Cyclone Nargis, by the President of the Grand Charity. The Freemasons' Grand Charity is also in discussions with District Grand Lodges in the affected region to identify what support it may be able to provide to their own efforts.

More than 32,000 people are now believed to have been killed by the high winds and resulting tidal surge which struck Burma (Myanmar) on 2 May destroying homes, crops and infrastructure. Following the Cyclone, Save the Children quickly redirected the efforts of 500 staff already in the Country from work on longer-term projects to the emergency relief response and essential supplies including clean water and food have already been distributed to over 100,000 people including around 33,000 children.

The grant of £20,000 from The Freemasons' Grand Charity will be an important contribution to this ongoing work and is enough to provide plastic sheeting for temporary accommodation to 1,400 families.

For further information visit The Freemasons' Grand Charity website at www.grandcharity.org or contact Natasha Treweek on 020 7395 9394.

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