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# British Columbia Floods and Extreme Weather Appeal

“I turned around and I’m watching the side of the mountain coming down and taking out these cars.”

– LANDSLIDE SURVIVOR

**Thousands of people in British Columbia have been impacted by yet another extreme weather event.**

Severe rainfall beginning on November 15th has forced over 15,000 people to evacuate from B.C.'s Southern, Coastal, and Interior regions, including Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Merritt, Princeton and multiple First Nation communities.

A month's worth of rainfall within a 24-hour period has washed away highways connecting the Lower Mainland to the rest of Canada. Flooding, landslides, power outages and other incidents are creating a dire situation for many in B.C.

Strong winds of 90 km/h, looming snowfall, and the current pandemic further complicate evacuation measures.

This extreme weather comes mere months after British Columbians confronted a summer of dangerously high temperatures and severe wildfires, with many residents now forced to face both emergencies.

People have been cut off from their loved ones and essential services; seen their homes be flooded or even washed away; and are emotionally drained after disaster on top of disaster.

The Canadian Red Cross is providing emergency support services to people who have had to flee their homes in the face of flooding and extreme weather. We stand ready to provide additional support as needed.

**You can help those impacted by this emergency by giving generously to the British Columbia Floods and Extreme Weather Appeal.**

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT COULD HELP



### Shelter

Ensure emergency lodging for evacuees who have nowhere else to go.



### Basic Needs

Provide a family with necessities they would have left behind, like food and clothing.



### Emotional Support

Provide tailored emotional support to survivors coping with loss and hardship.

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