

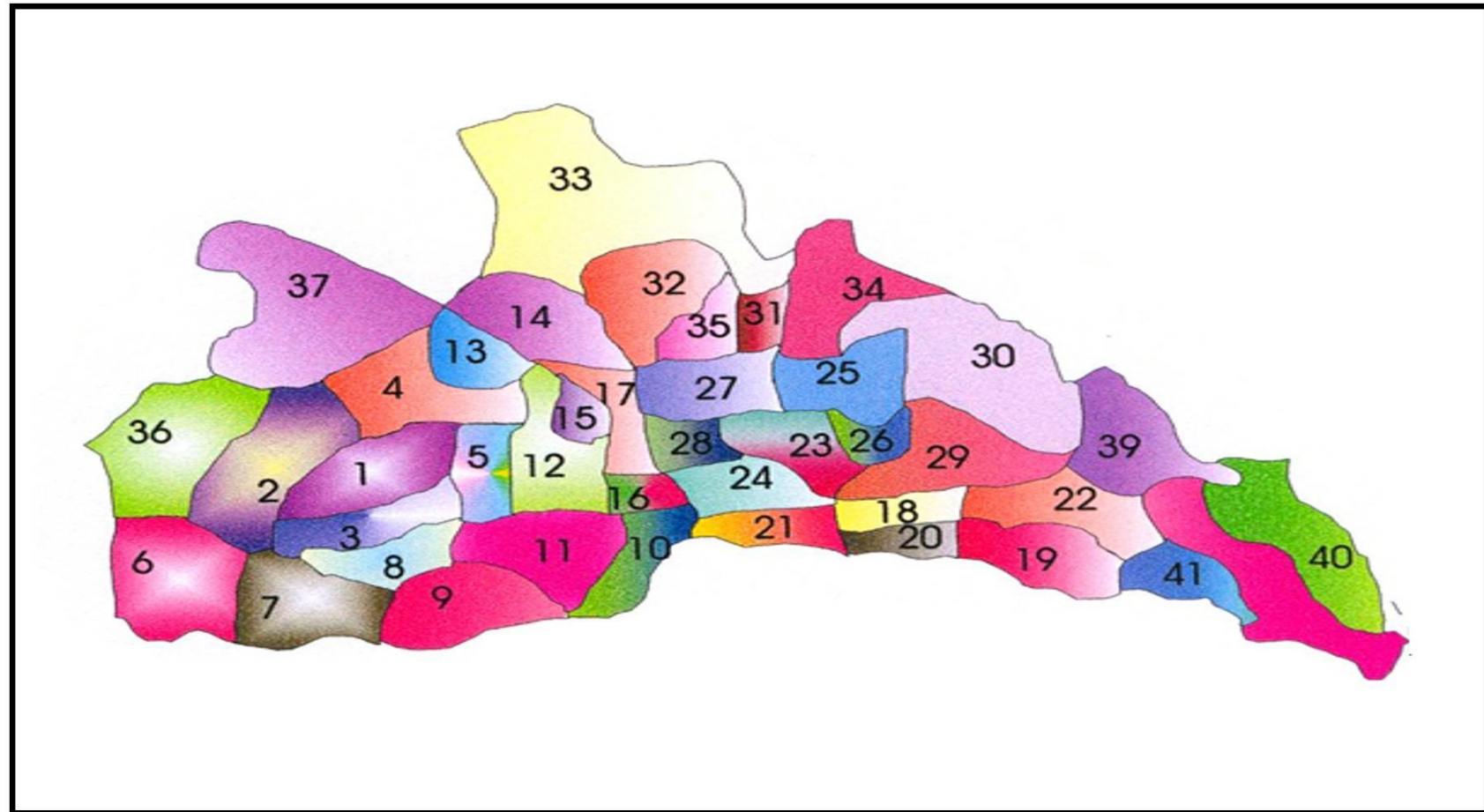


Post Disaster Management

Matara Experience

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Matara Municipal Area



Environmentally Sensitive Area in Matara Municipality



The Flood in May 2017

Flood started 26 May and prevailed until 31 May

Description	Statistics
GN Divisions under flood	26
No of Families under flood	7090
No of Citizens under flood	27432
No of Refugee camps	12

➡ Data: Matara Divisional Secretariat

**3/5 of the MC area was
under flood. Life struck for 1
week.**



Water ways were blocked and roads became canals





Actions done

- Widening the Nilwala River Mouth.
- Deploying teams to take care of refugee camps in the area.
- Assisting affected office staff to overcome the situation.
- Cooking lunch & dinner for refugees scattered in the area.
- Providing gully service free of charge to affected areas.
- Cleaning roads and main canals in the area.
- Clearing the debris dumped by people from flooded households.
- Clearing out the temporary dumping yard.
- Rewarding & Appreciating the teams.



A Team Started to widen the river mouth over night of May 26 & 27



Health & Hygiene Team to take care of refugee camps

12
Camps





20 member Team to rescue affected work force

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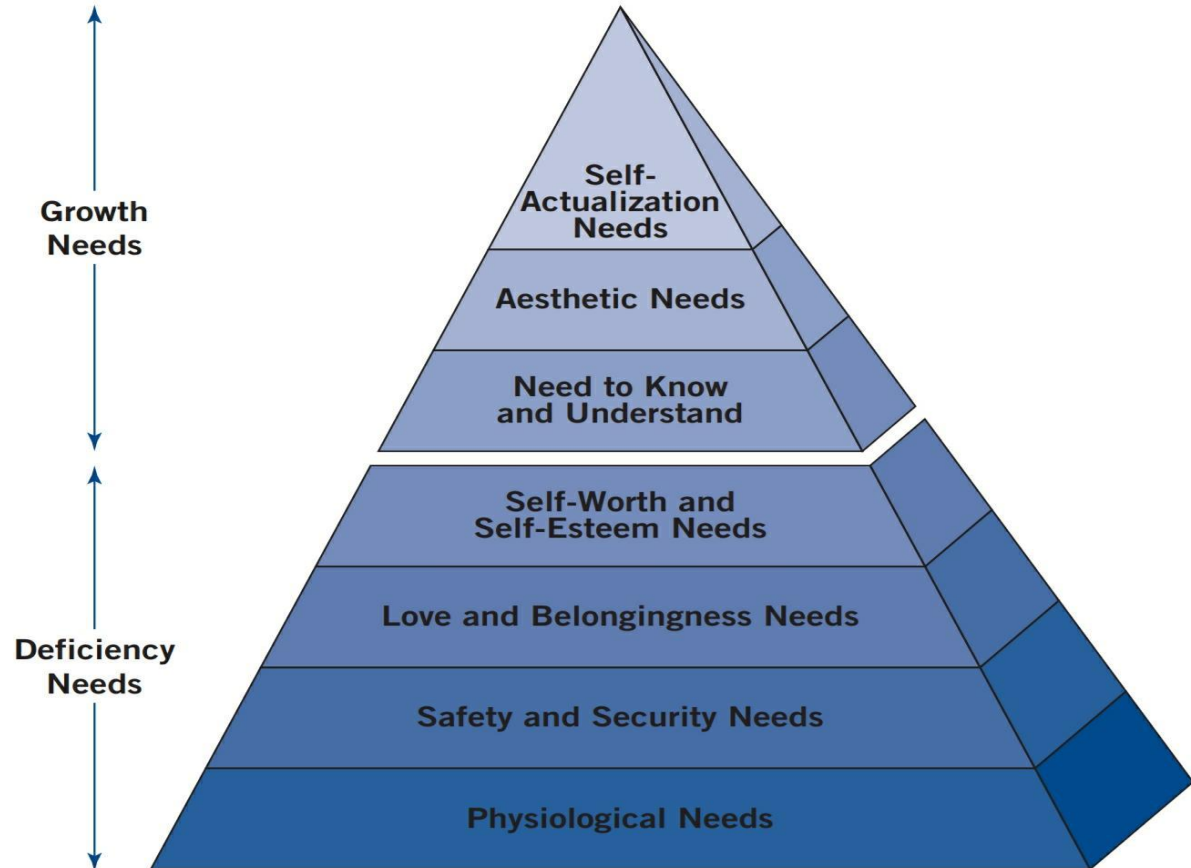
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➤ Supervisors	13
➤ Drivers	19
➤ Labours	149

Flood victims scattered very where without reporting to camps creating new issues



FIGURE 3.1
Maslow's hierarchy of needs.



Cooking team continued 2 weeks



- 2000 Packets a meal +300 for workers
- Office staff supported
- Informal distribution channel

Started cooking
2 meals a day
for 4 days from
29 May.



Gully Team to empty sewerage pits in flooded area



This helped the refugees to go back homes in a short period

Heaps of debris filed by road sides



Started with 3 Teams on June 2 and continued with.



**LGs all
around did a
great role**



**11 Teams worked
day and night**



**Finished on
June 11**

Cleaning roads & canals

Getting support from LGs.
Men, Vehicles & machines



Started removing waste from temporary yard



Support to flood victims of MC



Appreciation in cash and kind



Learning Points...



- Making work teams with clear targets to achieve.
- Planning as a team.
- Working with a community focus.
- Clear cut instructions.
- Direct Communication.
- Dailly follow up discussions.
- Mortivation and appreciation.



➡ Thank you for
your patience

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