Greetings from SEWA! I Hope you are well and safe from the multiple risks we all are facing.

While many of the SEWA sisters are still recovering from the pandemic, the climate crisis is worsening. Cyclone Biparjoy is expected to make landfall in Gujarat today. The cyclone has the potential to leave behind a trail of destruction and displace thousands of families. Our grassroots leaders estimate that nearly 50,000 members in Kutch, Bhavnagar, Morbi, Rajkot, and Surendranagar districts of Gujarat could be directly impacted by the cyclone. The cyclone can cause extensive damage to cultivated crops and harvested crops, destroy homes of members, and lead to adverse impact on health. The cyclone is also expected to damage animal shelters and feed storage facilities, leaving livestock without adequate protection and fodder. Many SEWA members live in remote areas that are inaccessible by motorised transport, even in normal times. Reaching out to these areas will be extremely difficult in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone, which could further wreak havoc in the lives of the poor.

In these difficult times, we would like to reach out to you and request if you could help support SEWA. **May we appeal to provide immediate relief support in kind or cash.** There is an immediate need to:

- Provide sustainable access to food, medicines, shelter (tarpaulin sheets), and sanitation facilities for the affected families
- Rebuild and repair damaged infrastructure, including homes and community buildings.
- Provide fodder and shelter for impacted cattle and livestock
- Provide solar lanterns. Due to non-availability of electricity, people face further difficulties, and therefore, having a solar lantern will ease up their basic hardships, to an extent

We remain looking forward to receiving your support to reduce the suffering and challenges of poor women workers.

Thank you so much!

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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