



SITUATION REPORT No. 3 BIHAR FLOODS 2008

OVERALL SITUATION

- IMD forecasts that the axis of monsoon trough continues to run close to foothills of the Himalayas. Numerical weather prediction models suggest that monsoon trough may continue in the same location during next 2-3 days. Under its influence, fairly widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim during next 2-3 days.
- According to the Central Water Commission (CWC), there are 25 Moderate and 35 Low flood situation sites. Light to moderate rainfall with isolated heavy rainfall has been reported in a few parts of the State.
- In all, about 31,29,000 people from 1778 villages in 16 districts (Muzaffarpur, Supaul, Patna, Katihar, Nalanda, Araria, West Champaran, Shekhpura, Saharsa, Purnea, Saran, Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Madhepura, Vaishali and Khagaria) have been affected due to flood in the State.
- River Ganga, Ghaghra, Burhi Gandhak, Bagmati, Adhwara, Kamla, Balan, Kosi and Mahananda continued to be flowing above danger levels at various places in the State.
- 2,83,797 houses are reported to have been damaged due to flood so far.
- Road linkages, water and electricity supply in above districts has been totally cut off. Railway tracks at several places have been submerged under deep water. The rail movement on Saharsa-Purnea track has been suspended.
- About 114000 hectares land has been damaged in the State so far.
- Human lives lost till now is 56
- Government has put up 193 relief camps and about 1,22,002 people have been accommodated. 6 mobile health teams have also been mobilized in the affected areas of district Supaul.
- In 98 cattle camps about 4000 animals accommodated and 8014 animals have been given treatment.
- 184 Health Centre have also been opened in the flood-affected areas.

DISTRICT MAP OF FLOOD AFFECTED BIHAR





DAMAGE DETAILS

As of 1 Sept, the damage details in the state of Bihar are (central government figures):

- Population affected - 31,29,000
- No. of human lives lost - 56
- No. of districts affected - 16
- No. of villages affected - 1778
- No. of house destroyed (fully) - 2,97, 958

As of 1 Sept, the damage details in most affected districts are (district government figures):

Floods Damage details (as on 1 Sept 2008)			
ACTIVITIES	SUPAUL	MADHEPURA	ARARIA
Affected Details			
No of Blocks Affected	5	11	4
No of Panchayats Affected	73	126	44
No of Villages Affected	243	378	72
Population Affected	893790	1037000	73351
No of Families Affected	178758	207400	14600
Area Affected (in Ha)	31902	47936	6997
Casualties			
No of Human Death	0	8	0
No of Cattle Death	0	0	0
Name of the Affected Blocks			
Name of the affected Blocks	Basantpur, Pratapganj, Raghopur, Chhatapur, Triveniganj	Shankarpur, Purani, Kumarkhand, Chausa, Singheswar, Alamnagar, Murliganj, Madhepura, Bihariganj, Gwalpara, Udakishanganj,	Narparganj, Bhargawna, Forbeshganj, Raniganj(west)



Relief Camps				
No of Relief Camps opened	38	40	37	
No of Health Centers functioning	26	34	12	
No of Veterinary Centers functioning	20	28	7	
Air Dropping				
No of Food Packets Air Dropped	18770	14900	2670	
Quantity of Relief Materials Air Dropped	Chura-109266 Kg. Sattu-36074 Kg, Salt-18170 Kg, Gur-18170 Kg.			
Relief Distribution				
No of Polythene Distributed	23070	9168	8940	
Resources used				
No of Boats in use	98	45	8	
No of Motor boats in use	34	40	17	
No of NDRF Jawans Deployed	218	102	35	

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

As of 28 Aug, the government response is as follows (central government figures):

- No. of persons evacuated - 497,289
- No. of relief camps opened - 193
- No. of persons accommodated in relief camps - 122,02
- No. of medical teams deployed - 06
- No. of Health Centres- 184
- No. of Cattle Camps- 98

UN RESPONSE

UNDP

- Personnels under Disaster Risk Management Programme are assisting the State Nodal dept. in coordination and information collection both at District and state level. DPOs of Bihar DRM Programme are also assisting in Shelter/inventory management at the relief camps.
- District Project Officers (DPOs) under the Disaster Risk Management Programme have been mobilised from Orissa to support the administration of the affected districts.

UNFPA

- UNFPA is currently following up with other organizations engage in response UN and NGOs with a view to provide 'dignity kits'.

UNICEF

- In health, the emphasis for UNICEF's response is on the containment of diseases and establishment of disease control measures; support to measles immunisation and Vitamin A supplementation; cold chain equipments of the affected blocks will need to be repaired or replaced; ensure government's personnel / mobile medical units for outreach services; support to essential maternity care services.
- In nutrition, UNICEF will focus its support on children under 5 years, pregnant women, and lactating mothers, who will be reached with nutrition interventions. Activities



include: rapid nutritional screening and case detection - screening of children 6-50 months; training volunteers in providing eligible children and mothers with appropriate services and support; care for children with SAM, etc.

- In WES, UNICEF intervention will also focus on provision of temporary shelter along with basic facilities, children, such as temporary toilets or bathing cubicle. Further, it will work on ensuring water quality through provision of halogen tablets, bleaching powder and supporting water quality monitoring and surveillance. Affected families in shelter camps will be provided with hygiene kits and related material. UNICEF will coordinate NGO networks to support government in raising awareness on safe water, hygiene practices and diarrhoea management, and distribute ORS sachets and chlorine disinfection tablets.
- In education, interventions will include: 50 temporary Learning spaces in selected shelter camps; providing Teaching Learning Equipment and Teaching Learning Material in 50 camps; training and mobilisation of teachers and the members of the Village Education Committee in 8,000 schools in the 4 worst affected districts, etc.
- IEC package for social mobilisation for preventive health and hygiene promotion in camps has been finalised and sent for printing. Supplies are expected by 30th August. All consumable supplies such as ORS, Halozone tablets supplied by UNICEF will have communication material on their use. Trainers will train NGO volunteers and NGO partners for two districts have been identified to work on social awareness and hygiene promotion

SOURCES & CONTACT DETAILS

Sources:

- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
- Central Water Commission (CWC)
- NDM Division, Ministry of Home Affairs
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