Sit Rep-II: NORTH BENGAL FLOOD REPORT

**Background:**

Northern districts of West Bengal are under flood. As of now flood water is increasing in Dakshin Dinajpur, Uttar Dinajpur and Part of Malda District.

- Cause of Floods in the Jalpaiguri, Alipur Duar and Cooch Behar districts is due to the excessive rainfall in the catchment areas of the Torsa and Raidak-I&II between 9th to 14th August.
- Cause of Floods in the three districts of Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and lately in Malda is due to the excessive rainfall in the catchment areas of Kosi River Basin and the Mahananda River Basin which led to the confluence of these two river basins causing unprecedented floods in North Bihar and in these three districts from 12th August.
- Following rivers have caused extensive damage: Fulhar River, (.71m above EDL), Atreyee River (0.2m above EDL) and Teljana (.2m above EDL)

**Present Situation**

- Population affected : 44,21,996
- Number of human lives lost - 32 (Drowning- 30, Snake Bite- 2)
- Number of cattle livestock lost/ perished - 104 (Assessment is going on)
- Cropped area affected (in hect.) - 293770.790 (Assessment is going on)
- Number of houses - Fully (59288) Partly (141606)
- Number of Relief Camps opened – 1155
- Persons in Relief Camps – 2,74,901
- Relief materials dispatched: Tarpaulins – 1.8 lakh, Rice – 1900 MT, Contingency – Rs. 2.05 crore, Disaster Management kits – 15000, Chira – 10 MT, Gur – 2.5 MT and Baby Food – 2MT.
- Transportation is being provided to the stranded passengers at Malda station to reach the Dalkhola station where two special trains from Dalkhola are being run to Gauhati daily at 6:30 hours and 6:00 pm.
- In Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur district – voluntary organizations are trying to provide hot cooked meal among the flood victims with their limited resource though need is very high.
- Due to no road and rail communication most of the areas remain cut off.
- In affected areas Schools are not functional

**Emerging Need (Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur and Maldah)**

## DAMAGE DUE TO FLOOD IN NORTH BENGAL

**Date:** 16-08-2017

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Response from Government and Humanitarian Agencies

- Rescue and running of Relief camps by Administration
- At Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Coochbehar District, IAG members started JRNA
- At Malda – IAG Members had a meeting with District Magistrate on Flood Situation of Malda
- At Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur – SWI, SRHEDS and DISHA at small affected pockets start serving of relief materials (dry food, water) with their limited resources.
- Right now Social Welfare Institute, Raiganj coordinating with Merchant of Association for some cooked food, TAP foundation for water and for dry food and medicine
- Social Welfare Institute with their own little contribution little collection from St.Xavier’s School Raiganj continuing emergency relief works.
- On 16.08.17, SWI distributed some dry food and drinking water in Nichitpur, Simulia Sahapur villages area of Goalpukhur II and Bathandangi, Khurka, and nearby para of Rasakhawa II GP of Karamdighi blocks in Uttar Dinajpur districts.
- SRHEDS of Kushmandi block is conducting rescue work; presently they are providing dry food, Sanitary Napkin, Soap – Udaypur GP of Kushmandi Block. (According to SRHEDS - there is a shortage of Boats, distant places remain unattained.)

Coordination

- Coordination and information sharing with District IAG Members
- Sharing of emerging need related information with Administration
- State IAG West Bengal is coordinating with State EOC and District IAG Members on the situation.
- IAG West Bengal at regular interval updating its members (both NGOs and Key Officials of State Administration) on latest weather alert, DAM Discharge Status.

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