



## SITUATION REPORT – 1 Emergency Situation due to Heavy Snowfall in Leh, Ladakh

### Situation Report

Due to heavy snowfall in the eastern part of Leh district Livestock like sheep/goat, yak, cow, mules and ponies started dying from sheer starvation and hypothermia. The only vegetation grows in the region is shrubs and bushes (no trees and fodders) and pasture land is covered under a thick blanket of snowfall which won't melt due to cold. The region is also known for endangered species like wild ass and birds.

Changthang region is poorer than the rest and only very few of these people are employed in Jobs. Almost everyone from them is a nomad and directly involved in sheep/goat rearing for their livelihood.

### SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE AFFECTED AREA:

District Affected	Leh
Worse Affected Block	Changthang (2 administrative blocks; Nyoma and Durbuk)
Number of Villages affected	18
Livestock Affected	100 Wild Ass and 30,000 livestock (Goat, Sheep etc) and are Dead and the number is still increasing. 90% of pregnant livestock has aborted and also reported death of new born babies.
Number of Population affected	3000

(Source: WSPA, India and Live to Love, Leh )

### RESPONSES OF GOVERNMENT/HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES/OTHER STAKEHOLDERS:

- The farmers had stored commercial palliated feed provided by the sheep husbandry department in sufficient quantity but not enough fodder.
- Local administration was immediately made aware of the situation of the situation and 800 quintal of alfalfa was dispatched to the region as soon as the connectivity to the areas was restored.
- The district administration had supplied 9465 quintals of cattle feed, 25,000 quintals of barley and 2000 quintals of dry fodder.
- The air-force was approached for air drop of livestock supplies for which the sanction was received very late.



- Contingency plan of Rs 50 lakhs were made and send to the state Govt. The fund is yet to be received but the expenditure is already incurred on this account.
- Live to Love, Ladakh has distributed clothes, shoes, jackets etc in the affected areas.

## Immediate Needs

- Fodders and Veterinary care for livestock.
- Tents and Nutritional food for children, women and old.
- Health cares for new born and lactating mothers.

## Pictures taken on 17-04-2013



Picture 1: Livestock Loss



Picture 2: land covered in a thick snow



Picture 3: Wild Ass



Picture 4: Residential area

**Pictures Courtesy: Live to Love, Ladakh**



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