

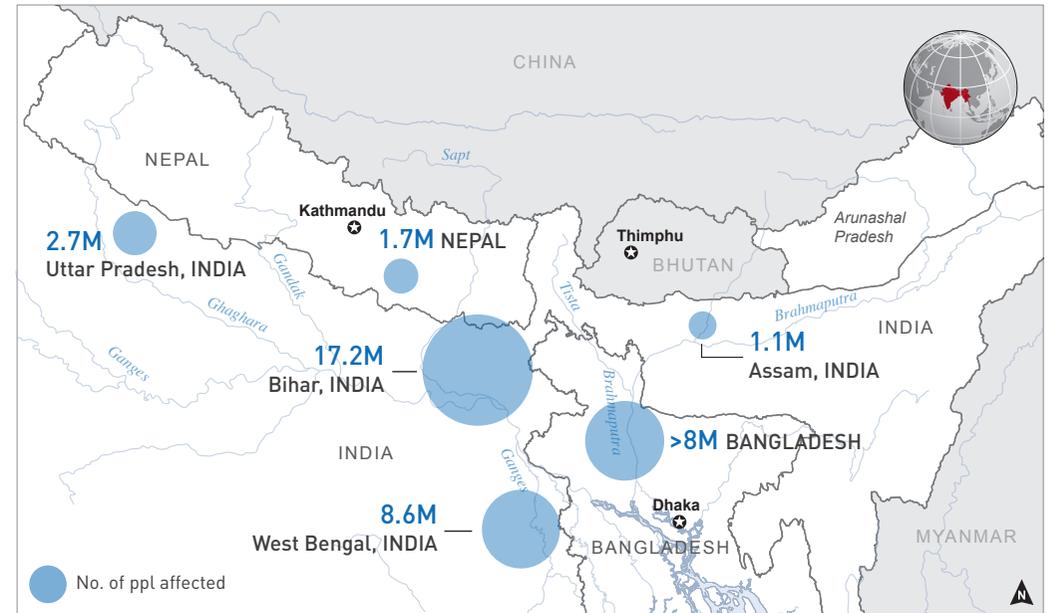
OVERVIEW

40m people affected in three countries (millions)

Since the beginning of August severe monsoon rains have caused widespread flooding across South Asia, affecting 40 million people* in Bangladesh, India and Nepal. More than 1,200 people are known to have died. The floods have damaged and destroyed homes, schools, health facilities and many people are currently living in relief camps and temporary shelters. People are in urgent need of food, clean water and sanitation, and shelter. There is also an urgent need for health services to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases.

The floods have destroyed crops, killed livestock and washed away people's means of making an income. This will have an impact on communities' immediate food security, and may also exacerbate pre-existing vulnerabilities as people are left without possessions or the means to make a living. With monsoon rains predicted to continue across the region until October, there is the possibility that the situation will deteriorate further and humanitarian needs will continue to increase. UN agencies and humanitarian organizations are on the ground working to support the Government-led response to the floods.

* The estimated number of people affected has dropped slightly since the last update due to the consolidation of figures from flood affected areas in India.



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BANGLADESH¹

144 deaths **>8M** people affected
32 districts affected
80.2K homes destroyed

This is the fourth time Bangladesh has been affected by floods this year, and the repetitive disasters have weakened communities' coping mechanisms. This latest flood came at the same time as the rice planting season, and the inability of farmers to plant their crops will likely have a severe impact on affected communities' food security and livelihoods, exacerbating vulnerabilities. The Humanitarian Coordination Task Team is working to complement the Government's response. Further rains are still expected over the coming which may exacerbate the current flooding and increase humanitarian need.

INDIA²

943 deaths
30M people affected

In Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal states, flooding has affected 30 million people since the start of the crisis. At the height of the emergency, 1.1 million people were hosted in 3,271 camps. Waters are now receding in many areas and people have begun to return to their homes, however, there has been extensive damage to vital infrastructure with 12,400 schools in Bihar state affected by the floods. The floods have also caused massive damage to agricultural land and livestock, impacting 400,000 hectares of crops in Assam alone. This will likely have impacts on food security and livelihoods. Since 28 August flooding has also been affecting Mumbai, with water waist deep in many areas and 29 people reported to have died.

Assam

74 deaths **1.1m** people affected
954 relief camps

Bihar

514 deaths **17.2m** people affected
222 relief camps

Uttar Pradesh

101 deaths **2.7m** people affected
59K ppl in relief camps

West Bengal

254 deaths **8.6m** people affected
1.1M ppl in relief camps

NEPAL³

159 deaths **1.7M** people affected
35 districts affected
43.4K homes destroyed
192K homes damaged

The majority of people displaced by the floods have returned to their communities, but not all have been able to return to their homes and are living in make-shift shelters or with host families. Affected communities require shelter, water and sanitation facilities and health support to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases. Communities also require assistance to re-start income generating activities, especially families who are reliant on agriculture and who have had their land and equipment destroyed in the floods.

1. HCTT (28 Aug) 2. As of 29 August. UNICEF, Ministry of Home Affairs, Uttar Pradesh DMA, Assam State DMA, Bihar State DMA, Maharashtra DMD, India Meteorological Department. 3. RCO (30 Aug)