

SitRep 1: Flood threat in Bihar

Situation Report:

A landslide in Nepal has led to creation of a mud dam on Sunkosi, triggering an artificial lake with approximate capacity of 20 lakh cubic meters, with a possibility of a flood that could affect parts of Bihar (Supaul, Saharsa, Madhepura, Madhubani, Araria, Dharbhanga, Khagaria, Purnia and Bhagalpur). Nepalese authorities are trying to make "controlled breaches" in it so that water can be released slowly and in less quantity to avoid calamity.

Present Situation:

All rivers are flowing below danger level except Kosi at Basu with flood in 3 blocks (Marauna, Kishanpur and Sariagarh Bhabatihai) of Supaul District.

Number of affected people	.36 lakhs
Number of Houses damaged	77 huts
Number of people evacuated	68000
Number of boats deployed	627
Number of Relief camps	130
Number of cattle camps	32

The Govt. has scaled down the alert regarding flooding due to probable lake burst and no more evacuation is being done.

Preparedness by Central Govt.

NDMA is in close consultation with the authorities in Nepal for controlled and regulated discharge of accumulated water in Sunkosi.

Preparedness by State Govt.:

Although Department of Disaster Management Govt. of Bihar has scaled down the alert it is still keeping itself prepared if any burst occurs in the lake formed due to a landslide in Nepal. At present the expected volume of water in the formed lake is around 18 lakh cubic meters. Earlier all the 56 gates of the Birpur barrage are open and now 36 gates has been closed.

Deployment by Govt.:

- 29 ambulance and 94 doctors,
- NDRF/SDRF teams 19 units
- Army- 05 Column

Preparedness at IAG level:

Bihar IAG members are keeping a close watch on the situation through links at Nepal side, Baragh, Govt. Reports and community feedback. Yesterday on 5th of August 2014, Emergency Meet was held at BIAG in which members from following organization has participated which are ADRA, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Sphere India, Aide et Action, Seeds, Caritas India, Save the Children, Efficor, Terre des homes, UNICEF, NCDHR, Plan India, World Vision, IGSSS, Yugater, Action Aid, CASA, CRS, Mission DRR and District members from Supaul, Madhubani, Saharsa and Araria. It was decided by the members to go for a joint assessment within a week or as per the situation and to test the Revised Simplified Common

Rapid Joint Needs Assessment in Supual District to field test. Training on revised tools will be organized at Supual District for the field team. Detailed minutes will be attached separately.

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