



Sitrep -6: Flood Incident in Uttarakhand 8th July, 2013

A. SITUATION REPORT:

It has been 21 days since the disaster hit Uttarakhand. The early phase of emergency and rescue is now over. The arrival of monsoon in the hilly districts earlier this week possesses serious challenges to the on-going relief and response actions. On the request of the State Government a team of UNDMT, Sphere India and IAG, Uttarakhand members are conducting a rapid need assessment in the worst affected districts.

B. Response from Government

Missing person:

- The Uttarakhand state government has established a disaster “Missing Cell” to establish contact with people reported missing during the recent flash floods in Uttarakhand. The relatives and friends of missing people can use the following mediums to inform about pilgrims who have reached their home safely: Email- missingcell.uk@gmail.com; Facebook- www.facebook.com/missingcellukhand/ and Twitter- <http://twitter.com/missingcelluk/>
- The relatives and friends of missing people can also establish contact with the Uttarakhand State government through the following options:-
- Missing Cell Telephone No. – 0135-2104175/ 2104176/ 2104180/ 2104181; Dr. Ajay Kumar Pradyot (Secretary/In Charge, Missing Cell) – 0135-2712092; Mrs. Nidhi Mani Tripathi (Additional Secretary/ Co-In Charge, Missing Cell) – 0135-2714389. Apart from the above mentioned mediums, Information on rescued and missing person can also be found at <http://uk.gov.in> and <http://uttarkhandpolice.uk.gov.in>

Source: (Department of Information and Public Relation, Uttarakhand)

Relief Material:

The Government has established a Centre for collection and distribution of Relief Materials at Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Control Room number – 0135-2781414. The government has requested to avoid donation of materials like perishable food items, water and used cloth. Source: (Department of Information and Public Relation, Uttarakhand)

- Important new decisions taken by the government for the disaster affected people.
- Relief/compensation rates to cover Dhabas, restaurants and Hotels etc.-
 1. Ordinary Dhabas/restaurants- Rs. 50,000 (Max of Rs. 1 Lakh)



2. Completely damaged hotel- Rs.2 lakhs
 3. Damaged hotel to the tune of Rs.2lakhs-10lakhs- 30% of the total damage.
 4. Damaged hotel to the tune of Rs.10lakhs-20lakhs- 20% of the total damage.
 5. Damaged hotel to the tune of above Rs.20lakhs- 10% of the total damage.
- Electricity dues and the water tax for the disaster affected families waived from June1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.
 - For the students of the affected areas, Rs.500 up to class 12 and Rs.1000 for technical and degree colleges.
 - No recovery of loan instalments for one year from the disaster affected person from the State Co-operative Banks and District Co-operative Banks.
 - Request to central government to suspend loan recoveries by the Nationalized Banks for one year.
 - To all the disaster affected families who's villages have been cut-off, they would be given 15kg rice, 15kg wheat flour, 5kg pulses, 3kg sugar, 1litre refined oil, spices, salt, match boxes and 10 litres of kerosene oil free of cost by the state government. For families having 5 members, one unit of the above relief set will be provided and in-case number of people in the family exceeds 5, two units shall be provided.
 - Government takes full responsibility of upbringing of the orphaned children.
 - The relief amount for sugarcane farmers will be 50% more than the compensation of the normal crops.

Relief announced by Government:

Item	Relief Payable
Relief to the family of the deceased	Rs.5 lakhs
Disability more than 80%	Rs.2 lakhs
Disability 40%-80%	Rs.1.5 lakhs
Fatal Injury requiring hospitalization for more than one week	Rs.30,000
Fatal Injury requiring hospitalization for less than one week	Rs.15,000
Fully damaged pukka house	Rs.2 Lakhs
Partially damaged house	Rs.1 lakh
Damaged/ destroyed hut	Rs.6000
Cattle shed (Each cattle shed)	Rs.2500



For clothes (each family)		Rs.4000
For utensils (each family)		Rs.4000
To remove silt from agricultural land (per hectare)		Rs.15,000
Damage to crop more than 50%	Unirrigated land	Rs.5000
	Irrigated land	Rs.8000
Damage to general crop 50% or more (per hectare)		Rs.15,000
Death of animal like cow, buffalo etc. and mule, donkey (per animal)		Rs.20,000
Death of calf (per animal)		Rs.11,000
Death of goat and sheep (per animal)		Rs.3000
Death of poultry per bird/hen max. Rs.400 per family		Rs.100

Source: (Department of Information and Public Relation, Uttarakhand)

Conditions in Pithoragarh district as of 5th July, 2013

Affected villages	258
Affected families	26,148
Affected total individual	1,13,303
Total affected area (also the total affected agricultural area)	5,571 hectares
Fully damaged houses	417
Heavily damaged houses	72
Partially damaged houses	36
Animal loss	2,139
Human loss (dead and lost)	5+22
Damaged road	77
Affected pipelines	28
Damaged schools	10

Damaged electricity poll	263
Damaged drinking water facility (rural and urban)	85

47 roads of the total affected roads have been cleared and the total amount dispensed in the district is Rs.3,41,88,635. There are problems faced by the people in the distribution of the relief materials in the affected areas which is much more enhanced by the changing weather conditions every other day. The water level of Saryu river has decreased below the danger level and Kaali river is constant.

Source: DEOC, Pithoragarh

Tehri garhwal status as per 4th July, 2013

The district administration has asked the concerned officers of the related departments to keep their cell phones switched on as their might be chances of emergencies anytime throughout the relief period. Ration for 2 months has been asked to be kept in reserve in case of any emergency in the coming days by the administration. Kerosene stock for the volatile areas is to be arranged.

Source: District NIC centre

C. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE from INGOs, NGOs and others :

- Action aid: It is extending its support to 1000 households with food packages, temporary shelter kits (blankets, tarpaulin sheets), utensils, medicines and chlorine tablets in the affected villages of Rudraprayag, Chamoli and Tehri Garhwal.
- Save the children: It has covered 47 families in Sili village of Agatyamuni (Rudraprayag) with the help of its local partner Navjyoti Development Society. It has distributed Hygiene kit, Food Basket (comprising rice, lentils, wheat flour, sugar, salt, cooking oils and mixed masala, two blankets and tarpaulin sheets).
- Caritas India: Most of the remote areas of Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag have revealed huge gap between distribution of relief materials and affected people (locals).
- The relief material being distributed to pilgrims at easy access zones, neglecting the local bunch in many affected remote villages. Some of the villages that have remained out of focus include Tillot and Joshiyaada in Uttarkashi, where 123 houses have been washed away forcing over 600 people to take shelter in government schools buildings and other buildings.



- Their team identified 11 other places- Chandrapuri, Gabani, Sauri, Baswara, Bedubagat, Sili, Tilwada, Ganga Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, Baniadi and Vijay Nagar in Guptkashi, close to Badrinath—which have remained largely unattended.
- Currently access to health services is very difficult and in normal times people access these services either by walking or use of donkey/horse as the connecting roads and pathways are severely damaged. As per the government officials there are good number of villages still cut off and need immediate relief.
- DCA/CASA: They are responding in the three districts of Chamoli, Uttarkashi and Rudraprayag and has completed the initial assessment of their focused area. Until 28 June, 9065 beneficiaries has been supported with relief support. According to them the local population has been overlooked over the pilgrims so the main targeted populations as per the situation are the local people who are stranded in the remote locations. At least 128 people reported high temperature and gastro-intestinal infections in Ramnagar, a tiny village in Kedarnath valley. To stem the contamination, forces are helping willing villagers leave the valley while government is rushing in medicines and chlorine tablets.
- Seeds India: they have distributed 200 tents and utensils each in Rudraprayag, Okhimath and Jhakoli block of Rudraprayag district.
- Pragya: they are providing food and non-food items in the camp in Joshimath area comprising of 35 families.
- Many other NGOs are responding in the highly damaged areas (details in URS response matrix)

D. IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- Maternal and Reproductive health services.
- Water Purification and chlorination and chlorine tablets.
- Hygiene kits.
- Health services for water born diseases and viral fever.
- Solar charge batteries for charging mobile phones.
- Kerosene and cooking stoves.



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