

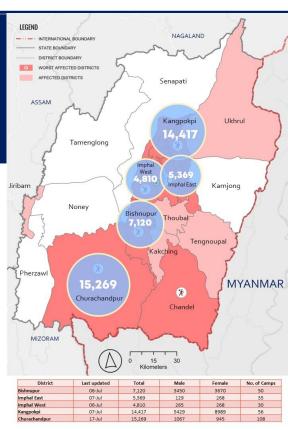


# Situation Report - 09 Manipur Violence

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# Background

The situation in Manipur remains tense and challenging, with over 70,000 people internally displaced, 142 casualties reported, and over 6,000 injuries reported. Violence persists despite the deployment of paramilitary forces and army columns to maintain peace. The government's efforts to contain the violence and foster dialogue through the peace committee have faced significant obstacles. Protecting the welfare of women, children and other vulnerable groups amid the conflict is also a pressing concern.



## SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- The conflict in Manipur is primarily stemming from ethnic faultlines and has resulted in the displacement of over 70,000 people from their homes. These displaced individuals are seeking shelter in 253 relief camps located across 10 districts of Manipur.
- The violence has escalated, with 142 people reported killed in the past two months up until July 04. Additionally, incidents of arson had reached as many as 5,000 since May. The districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, and Churachandpur have witnessed the highest number of deaths.
- Due to the volatile situation, the police have registered 5,995 FIRs, with most of them against unknown individuals. Among these FIRs, 70 cases are related to murder, with some being 'zero FIRs.'
- The police are facing challenges in managing the accused, as there is only one permanent jail in Imphal.
   In response to this, additional arrangements have been made to accommodate potential arrests.
- In response to the escalating tensions in Mizoram, the Manipur government has announced plans to airlift Meiteis from Mizoram.

#### SITUATION UPDATES



Affected population – 01 lakh+



Affected Districts
- 11



Human Lives Lost – 142



Injured people (approx.) - 6000



No. of persons Displaced - 70000



No. of Fully damaged buildings - 4500



No. of Relief Camps - 253 (latest)



People staying in camps – 46920 (05 district)





- Manipur government has faced significant challenges in reopening schools in violenceaffected districts. For instance, A school building near the border of Churachandpur and Bishnupur was set on fire by miscreants on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.
- The Supreme Court expressed "deep concern" over the situation and initiated proceedings on its own accord after May's footage of two women being paraded naked came to light.
- Efforts by the Union government to establish a peace committee during the Home Minister's visit to Manipur have not yielded success, as affected community groups have refused to participate.
- Children have been profoundly affected by the conflict, with 2,805 children between 0 and 6 years and 9,831 children between 7 and 18 years residing in the relief camps with their parents or relatives. Moreover, over 50 unidentified newborns and children left behind by their parents have been transferred to children's homes under government monitoring.

### **HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**

- IAG Manipur and other National and local humanitarian agencies, including CASA, CARITAS INDIA, Oasis, HAI, NEICORD, ADRA India, EHA, Tanyak, CRS, ActionAid Association, and Doctors For You, are actively engaged in relief efforts and maintains vigilant monitoring of the prevailing situation.
- Sphere India convened two emergency meetings of the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee, in collaboration with representatives from IAG Manipur and other responding agencies, on 8th May 2023 and 20th May 2023. These meetings aimed to assess the situation and strategize the course of action (MoM). Subsequently, the IAC committee made the decision to activate the Unified Response Strategy (URS), leading to the initiation of the following activities:
- Sphere India has assessed and mapped the response efforts of more than 100 local organizations using the <u>URS matrix</u>. These organizations are actively engaged in various districts, including Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching, Bishnupur, Kangpokpi, Churachandpur, Chandel, and even outside Manipur.
- Among the 100 organizations, 32 such as LIYIA, GOGOU HAOKIP, MOUVA, KSO, IRMA, EFI, etc., are primarily focusing their efforts on providing aid in Kangpokpi district. In Churachandpur district, 24 organizations, including EAC, NEST, ZOREC, EFI, etc., are concentrating their relief activities.
- Three organizations, namely NEEDS, REACH M, and the Centre for Women and Girls, are working on response efforts in Chandel district. Meanwhile, RNBA, Centre for Women and Girls, and REACH M are involved in response efforts in Tengnoupal. Additionally, 12 local organizations, including RNBA, PINE, Wide Angle Social Development Organization, etc., are actively participating in relief work in Imphal valley.
- Additionally, there are 57 local organizations, such as ISCO, KIYDO Club, KYDA Club, FANCA Club, PRDA, etc., that are actively providing assistance in Bishnupur district. These organizations are working to provide relief materials both in camps and in violenceaffected villages.





#### **URS MATRIX AND CAMP DASHBOARD**



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#### MHPSS TRAININGS IN 6 DISTRICTS



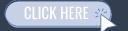
District-level training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in six districts.



#### **COORDINATION MEETINGS**



GO-NGO coordination mechanism established with DC Offices & district-level IAGs were formulated.





GO-NGO Coordination Meeting with district commissioners



District Level MHPSS Training for volunteers



Health Check up Camps by Caritas India



Providing Relief materials in the camps by HAI



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#### Source of Information

IAG Manipur, Media, Social media platforms, and Sphere India WhatsApp group

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