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SITUATION REPORT-2

Flood Situation in **Bihar**

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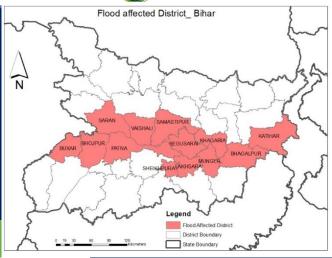
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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- In the last four days, the water level of the Ganga and its tributaries has decreased rapidly, with a two-meter drop in Maner, and one-meter drops at Gandhi Ghat, Digha, Banka Ghat, and Hathidah.
- The water levels of the Punpun and Son rivers are also receding steadily. However, the Ganga River continues to flow above the danger level in Patna.
- As of September 25, 2024, the flood situation in Bihar has severely affected 13 districts, including Buxar, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Patna, Samastipur, Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Munger, Khagaria, Bhagalpur, Sheikhpura, and Kaimur. The rising water levels of the Ganga River and its tributaries have impacted approximately 17.57 lakh people across 402 villages in 68 blocks.
- A total of 52 fatalities have been reported across Bihar due to multiple disaster-related incidents, including drowning, flooding, road accidents, and lightning strikes, mostly on 24th Sept, 2024 only (Drowning - 37, Lightning and Thunder – 03, Road Accident – 12)

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

- As per the Press Release of DMD, GoB, all necessary arrangements being made as per SOP, including the operation of community kitchens, medical and health services, distribution of dry rations, fogging for disease control, mobile veterinary hospitals, animal shelters, clean drinking water, and sanitation facilities. Sub-divisional officers, circle officers, block development officers, and other officials are conducting regular visits to the affected areas.
- The district administrations of affected districts operating 588 community kitchens, providing meals to around 3.62 lakh individuals. Additionally, seven relief camps have been set up, housing approximately 3,600 flood-affected individuals. In response to the needs of the displaced population, about 1.93 lakh polythene sheets and 61,000 dry ration packets have been distributed.
- To aid in transportation and medical support, 1,200 boats have been deployed, including 13 boat ambulances. Public health efforts are being supported by adequate distribution of medicines and mobile medical teams, while mobile veterinary hospitals are also operational to care for affected livestock. Necessary veterinary medicines and fodder are being provided to ensure the welfare of animals in flood-affected areas.



Statistical Analysis

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Affected District:

13

Affected Blocks:

68

Affected Gram Panchayats: 402

No. of Deaths: (23-24th Sep) 37 (Drowning), 03 (Lightning)

Affected Population: ##A 17.57 Lakhs

No. of Camps:

Inmates in Relief Camps:

No. of Community Kitchens:

588









- A control room has been established at the Patna District Disaster Management Office (0612-2210118) to coordinate relief efforts. The Patna district administration is running 13 community kitchens in flood-affected areas, providing meals to 16,241 flood victims. Adequate arrangements for animal fodder have also been made.
- Bihar Chief Minister conducted an aerial survey of flood affected districts on 24th September 2024

BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS AND FATALITIES:

Drowning:

- Total deaths: 37
 - Missing persons: 6
- Most of these incidents occurred during the Jiutia festival, where people were bathing in ponds and rivers.
- East and West Champaran: 11 individuals drowned; 7 were confirmed dead, and 4 were rescued.
- Kosi, Seemanchal, and Eastern Bihar: 15 individuals lost their lives due to drowning.
- Munger and Bhagalpur: 4-each fatality was reported due to drowning in floodwaters.
- Madhepura and Katihar: 2-each fatality due to drowning.
- Saharsa, Khagaria, and Lakhisarai: 1-each fatality due to drowning.

Lightning and Thunder:

- Total deaths: 3
- The fatalities were reported in Nawada district due to lightning strikes.

Road Accidents:

- Total deaths: 12
- Fatal road accidents were reported in the districts of Rohtas, Patna, Biharsharif, Banka, and Chhapra.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES

 IAG Bihar along with Sphere India and UNICEF field office Bihar is monitoring the situation and coordinating with district IAG members.

Annexures

- Ministry of Home Affairs Disaster Management Division Daily Situation Report
- Bihar State Disaster Management Authority
- <u>Disaster Management Department, Daily Press Release</u>
- <u>Flood Management Improvement Support CentreWater</u> Resources Department, Government of Bihar
- Bihar Mausam Seva Kendra



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Source of Information

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