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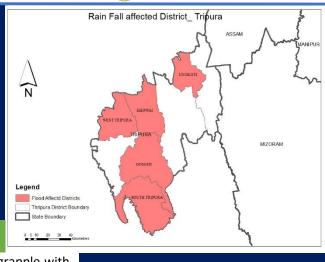
Floods & Landslides in Tripura

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- The situation in Tripura remains dire as the state continues to grapple with the severe aftermath of widespread flooding, which has caused extensive devastation across multiple districts.
- From August 19 to August 28, 2024, the state has recorded 31 deaths, three
 injuries, and one missing person. In terms of housing, 1,618 homes have
 been fully damaged, 1,796 homes severely damaged, and 17,471 homes
 partially damaged across multiple districts
- Gomati district, particularly Udaipur, has been the hardest hit, with 175 relief camps established, providing shelter to 9,080 families, totaling 35,713 individuals.
- In South Tripura, the situation is critical. In Sabroom, 32 relief camps have been opened for 513 families (1,881 people), Belonia has 566 families (2,098 people) living in 30 camps, Shantirbazar has 294 families (1,076 people) in 23 camps, and one person still reported missing.
- Sepahijala district has also experienced substantial flooding, especially in Sonamura, where 53 relief camps have been established for 2,011 families (8,576 individuals). Bishalgarh has set up two camps for 51 families (255 individuals).
- In West Tripura, the Sadar region has established four relief camps for 453 families (1,346 individuals), while in Khowai district, Teliamura and Khowai have opened relief camps for 98 families (427 individuals) and two families (10 individuals), respectively. In Dhalai district, the Gandacharra area has 35 relief camps sheltering 2,488 individuals.
- Financial assistance totaling INR 7.95 lakh has been disbursed to support ongoing relief efforts. The state has opened a total of 822 relief camps, providing shelter to 38,971 families, amounting to 149,087 individuals from August 19th.
- The floods have caused extensive damage to infrastructure, including roads, power lines, and farmlands. Major roads, including NH-8, NH-8(A), NH-44(A), state roads, and rural roads, have been severely affected due to over 2,588 landslides, with restoration work underway.
- Electricity in several areas of Gomati, South Tripura, and Dhalai districts has been disrupted, with ongoing efforts to restore power. A total of 1,603 electric poles have been broken, 501 transformers, 642 km of conductors, and two substations have been damaged, with restoration work in progress.
- Additionally, 160,000 hectares of agricultural land and 10,231 hectares of horticultural land have been affected across all eight districts of the state.
- The estimated damage is valued at approximately INR 15,000 crore.



Statistical Analysis



Worst Affected District: South Tripura, Gomati, Khowai, West Tripura, Unokoti



No. of Causalities: 31



Relief Camps: 474 (Last 24 hour)



No. of Inmates: 69304



Displaced (from Aug 19th) 38971 families



Affected Population : 17 Lakh (As per MHA report)



Houses Damaged: 1618 (Fully) 1796 (Severely), 17471 (Partly)



Agricultural damaged: 1.60 Lakh hectares



Electricity Damage: 1603 poles, 501 Transformer, 642 KM Conductors



Injured: 03



Missing People: Approx. 01



Government Response

- Government has taken several measures in response to the devastating floods in Tripura. All district magistrates have been directed by the state government to conduct an assessment of the damage caused by the floods.
- In support of the relief and restoration efforts, the Uttar Pradesh Government has announced a financial aid of Rs 10 crore, while the Madhya Pradesh Government has contributed Rs 20 crore for the restoration works.
- Tripura's Chief Minister has assured that the Central Government will send a team to the state to assess the damage. Additionally, Rs 2 crore from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be utilized to provide relief to those affected by the floods across various parts of the state.
- To address the situation on the ground, a total of 153 dozers have been deployed across the state to clear debris, with around 200 field engineers working round the clock to combat the situation.
- The rescue operations have been bolstered with 11 teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) actively
 engaged in rescue efforts. Additionally, three teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Tripura State
 Rifles (TSR), along with 300 civil defense volunteers, personnel from 53 fire and emergency services stations, and 200
 Aapda Mitra volunteers, have been deployed for rescue and relief operations across the state.
- According to a report from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), a total of 1,831 individuals have been evacuated, and 38 livestock, as well as one deceased individual, have been rescued by the NDRF teams.
- The state experienced heavy downpours, the damaged caused to the **Fisheries sector** is substantial, with approximately in 16,312 Ha. of aquaculture ponds and other waterbodies completely submerged leading to huge losses of fish stocks. >> Press Note
- According to the primary report from the Animal Resources Development Department, a significant number of cattle, goats, pigs, and poultry birds have died due to the recent flood disaster. State-wide, there has also been notable damage to departmental infrastructure. The estimated losses for infrastructure, livestock, and other requirements currently total approximately Rs. 100 crore. >> Press Note







Humanitarian Responses

- Voluntary Health Association of Tripura is supporting to basic needs of children, women and tribal livelihood in seven districts.
- ADRA India, has started field visits and preliminary assessments in the South Tripura and Gomati districts. Their immediate response includes the distribution of 'Back to Home Kits,' which contain essential items such as dry food rations, non-food items (NFI), and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) supplies. Field Visits Gallery>>
- SPADE (Calcutta Society for Professional Action In Development) Tripura Office is actively engaged in direct implementation efforts in South Tripura and Gomati districts. They are providing hygiene kits to 500 affected households. Over the next two weeks, SPADE plans to continue supporting these communities with NFI and WaSH supplies
- Jana Unnayan Samiti Tripura (JUST) & CARITAS, Red Cross is also involved with support to the flood crisis in various parts of Tripura.
- Bagma Farmer Producers Company (FPC) has initiated response activities in Gomati district.
- Yuva Vikas Kendra, is focusing its efforts on the Agartala Municipal Area, particularly in wards 5, 6, 25, 31, Ramnagar, Baldakhal, and Rishi Colony. Their immediate response includes the distribution of food items and clothing to those in need. They are also coordinating with the district administration to identify and assist the most vulnerable individuals and households. Over the next two weeks, they plan to expand their relief support to the affected regions in Gomati and South Tripura districts.



- Local FPOs/FPCs have assured support with their team in for Data Collection, as their team is already involved with relief distribution or have presence in all the districts.
- Kabiguru Agro Fed Farmer Producer Co Operative Society Limited (FPO) has initiated response activities in west Tripura district
- Sphere India facilitated an Emergency Coordination meeting on August 24th to address the impacts of recent floods in Tripura. The meeting focused on the needs and challenges in the worst-affected districts and included representatives from local NGOs and the IAC Committee. >>Minutes
- A **United Response Strategy (URS) 5W Matrix** was activated and circulated to map organizations involved in relief efforts across the affected districts. The matrix can be accessed at http://tiny.cc/TripuraFloods-URSsheet.
- Sphere India deployed a resource person to the ground to improve coordination between Government and NGOs and to activate a state-level Inter Agency Group.
- A meeting with local NGOs and other stakeholders has been planned for 30th Aug. 2024, 10 AM in Agartala to conduct
 Joint Needs Assessments in affected villages. The venue is VHAT Meeting Hall, Agartala. Zoom Registration Link>>

Preliminary Findings:

- People returning to their homes and beginning to repair them. Some are still staying in relief camps, particularly at night, or visiting twice a day for meals.
- Food support is being provided by Govt., GP, local neighborhoods, traders' associations, religious organizations.
- In South Tripura's Talukdar para & Baishnav para, the affected families expressed satisfaction with the immediate support being offered by both the government and civil society.
- Mud and sand have also entered many homes, making it challenging for residents to return and clean up.



Emerging Needs:

- Food and Nutrition, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).
- Shelter: Support for cleaning, repairing, and rebuilding partially or fully damaged houses.
- Health: Medicines for waterborne diseases like diarrhea
 & skin infections, Psychosocial Support.
- Cash Assistance: For repairing and rebuilding homes and meet other urgent needs.





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Source of Information

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