

# SITUATION REPORT-2

(Post Landfall)

## Cyclone Dana Odisha & West Bengal

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 (Fri)

Time: 5:00 PM (IST)



### SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Cyclone Dana made landfall between Dhamra and Bhitarkanika in Odisha early Friday, bringing heavy rainfall and strong winds across coastal regions. Chandbali (Bhadrak district) recorded the highest rainfall at 158.6 mm in the past 24 hours, while Rajkanika (Kendrapara) district saw 156 mm.
- One person died in West Bengal. Streets were inundated and water entered the government run SSKM Hospital and Kolkata Municipal Corporation headquarters in Esplanade.
- Significant flooding was also seen inside the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) HQ in Esplanade area, while patients, staff and health workers were found wading through ankle-deep water at SSKM Hospital.

### GOVERNMENT PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

**Odisha:** While Odisha reported no casualties, flooding was witnessed in the coastal districts of Bhadrak, Kendrapara and Balasore. People in Odisha's Kendrapara district, which was on the path of cyclone Dana, heaved a sigh of relief as the severe cyclonic storm largely spared the coastal district. ([view Odisha sitrep, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10 PM IST >>](#))

- Joint teams of Fire, Police, NDRF, ODRAF, working to clear fallen trees, debris & road blockages across cyclone-affected areas. Restoration of normalcy & accessibility to be ensured earliest.
- While there is no report of loss of life and property, tidal surges made inroads into some of the villages and agriculture fields, officials said.
- The Bhitarkanika National Park, which was home to the landfall spot, has largely been saved from the devastating aftermath of the cyclone though details from the park are yet to emerge, said an official.
- The settlement colony at Bagapatia, housing the people displaced from their native land in Satabhaya due to sea erosion, has come under water inundation as tidal surge entered into the colony.
- "Odisha evacuated altogether 5,84,888 people, and the number exceeded 6,00,000 by Friday morning. The people are lodging in 6,008 cyclone shelters, being provided with food, medicine, water, and other essential supplies," Odisha Chief Minister said. Balasore district saw the highest evacuation, with 172,916 people taken to safety, followed by Mayurbhanj with 100,000. Additionally, 75,000 people were evacuated from Bhadrak, 58,000 from Jajpur, and 46,000 from Kendrapara.

**West Bengal:** The heavy rain caused by Cyclone Dana caused damage to harvestable crops, especially paddy and potato, in West Bengal, apart from one causality.

- Prices of certain essential food items in the retail markets are expected to be high before the forthcoming festive season of Kali Puja and Diwali.
- The maximum impact during the Cyclone Dana landfall process was reported from coastal Sundarbans areas like Namkhana, Sagar Islands and Patharpratima, where several trees were uprooted because of heavy wind. Trident lampposts, especially near the 'Kapil Muni Ashram' in Sagar Island, too were severely damaged.

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## HUMANITARIAN PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

### Odisha:

- The GO-NGO team, IAG-Odisha, UNICEF, SI, and local organizations held review meetings on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct (Fri). The team decided to initiate JRNA processes from 26<sup>th</sup> Oct (Sat). Data Collection to be done until 29<sup>th</sup> Oct (Tue).

### West Bengal:

- IAG WB organized a review meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct (Fri), 5 PM IST. It is monitoring situation with district IAG members and SDMA.

**Key Updates from the ground shared:** *Kajla Janakalyan Samity (KJKS):* Minimal housing damage reported due to low tide; however, there was substantial agricultural loss, similar to previous Cyclone Remal impacts.

- Sabuj Sangha:* Active government-led evacuations with food provisions. No shelter gaps were observed, but significant agricultural losses occurred. Collaboration with the government on agricultural insurance support is necessary.
- Caritas India:* Areas like Sagar and Mousuni saw minimal cyclone impact, though rainfall led to minor housing damage.
- NEWS:* Reports of significant damage in standing crops; requires support on insurance of farmers.
- SPADE:* In South 24 Parganas, 42,000 people were affected, with 82,000 evacuated. The government provided food and shelter support.
- Canning Swanirvar:* Coordinated with local organizations; minimal damage observed.
- KNDS (Namkhana):* Cyclone impact was minimal, but there was notable agricultural crop damage.

**Action Points:** IAG west Bengal decided not go for JRNA rather based on the crop loss advocating with Government for insurance and crop loss compensation. SPADE, NEWS, and KJKS are tasked with developing a crop loss assessment format to collect data to support government initiatives on crop compensation and insurance.

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#### Source of Information

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*Indian Coast Guard* has mobilized 11 ships, 05 aircraft and 14 Disaster Relief Teams to tackle the challenges. Focused on immediate assistance and search & rescue.



*DM, Mayurbhaj, OD:* Adequate supply of safe drinking water is being ensured in all cyclone shelters.



*Odisha Fire & Emergency Services*, and ASHA worker resp. assist women in affected areas.

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