

Sitrep-2: Flood Situation in South Bengal Districts of West Bengal 16th October, 2013

Current Situation

- Two blocks in East Medinipur (Tamluk and Panskura) and twenty-one blocks under West Midnapore districts of West Bengal affected by flood. Due to breach of embankments in river Kangsabati at several points like Gorpurushottampur, Ranihati and Panskura had triggered this flood.
- In Howrah district Amta I, II and Udaynarayanpur blocks are also under flood water. About 50 numbers of villages in Howrah district reported flooded since 15th of October 2013.
- Same situation are also reported from Khanakul block and Jangipara block of Hoogly District. In Jangipara block, namely Rashidpur and Paspur Gram Panchayets are badly affected.
- Badly affected seven blocks of West Medinipur are namely Gopiballabhpur I and II, Nayagram, Sankrail, Dantan I and II, and Kesiary.

Emerging areas of concern

- There is crisis of safe drinking water
- Food grains
- Medicines
- Clothing
- Sanitation

GOVERNMENT and HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE:

- All BDOs have been alerted and speedboats are being used to evacuate people from Gopiballabhpur.
- Presently affected persons are living at rescue and relief centre as run by Government and voluntary organizations.
- 62 relief camps have been opened to provide shelter to nearly 12,000 people at West Medinipur.
- Chief Minister had paid her visit to flood affected areas of West Medinipur to get first hand information about the situation.

IAG Preparedness and Response:

- IAG West Bengal members along with local Gram Panchayets in the following districts viz. - West Medinipur, Hooghly and Howrah are now in the process of gathering information (as per “COMMON RAPID ASSESSMENT FORM”) on the situation.
- Along with Administration, IAG members are now actively in Relief and rescue operations.
- Howrah district IAG will meet on 17th October 2013.

Annexure I: UPDATE OF DANTAN I BLOCK (SOURCE: DANTAN MANAB KALYAN KENDRA, DANTAN)

Flood Status Report, Dantan-I (as of 16 th Oct 2013, 1.30 p.m. IST)							
Estimated population	Total GP	No of affected GPs	No of affected villages	Population affected	No of rescue centre	Population at rescue centre	Snake bite
184005	9	6	58	25594	27	4210	1

Glimpses from Dantan, West Medinipur



1. People living under the sky; 2. Collapsed Mud House; 3. Flooded Village; 4. Relief Camp

Sources of Information: Department of Relief, Government of West Bengal, Howrah District IAG Members, DDMO- East Medinipur, Akna Village Welfare Society, Hooghly, Dantan Manab Kalyan Kendra, Dantan, West Medinipur

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CURRENT SITUATION:

- Since 12th of October 2013 evening in the State of West Bengal it is continuously raining, it is the effect of Phailin.
- Heavy rainfall and exceeding the capacity of reserved water compelled Damador Valley Corporation (DVC) to release water as a precautionary measure. Due to the discharge of water from DVC Barrage on 14th and 15th of October 2013 in West Bengal the following districts of West Bengal namely – West Medinipur, East Medinipur, Burdwan, Hooghly, Howrah is expecting to be inundated.
- DVC has already discharged 80 thousand qusec of water on 14th October from Panchet Dam and 35 qusec from Maithan Dam. On 15th of October 2013 till afternoon DVC has planned to discharge 1 lakh 5 thousand qusec of water.
- So far reports came from District IAG of Howrah that three blocks of Howrah District namely Amta I, Amta II and Udaynarayanpur are affected by this flood.
- Several types of crops are spoiled and thousands of mud walled and thatched roofed houses have collapsed. Affected people are shifted in nearby school building and high places.
- Considering the situation there is probable chances of acute crisis of safe drinking water, food grains, cooked food, dry foods and baby food too.
- Immediately 1000 polythene sheets and some clothing are mostly needed mainly for Barda Gangadhar High school centre, Ciagari bridge centre and Bhatora centre which are being occupied by the ravaged people.

GOVERNMENT and HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE:

- Flood alert issued by Block Development Office at Udayanarayanpur, Amta I & II.
- State minister of Irrigation and Waterways Sri Rajib Banerjee is taking a note on this situation at Amta I block.
- According to Mrs. Archita Basu, Karmadhakshya (Women, Child Welfare and Social Welfare, Relief) of Amta I, Panchayet Samiti that till now 1000 families have been evacuated to 3 Flood Relief Shelters (Barda Gangadhar High school centre, Ciagari bridge centre and Bhatora centre)

IAG PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE:

- Howrah district IAG is making joint visit with BDO Amta I, II and Udaynarayanpur.
- Howrah district IAG will be meeting tomorrow and will share a first assessment report about the status of the flood situation in the areas affected.

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