



Sitrep – 1 Flood Incident in Uttarakhand 17th June, 2013

A. SITUATION REPORT:

Due to continues rainfall in Uttarakhand since Friday (14th June 2013) resulting in increasing of water level and flow of two main rivers Alakhnanda and Bhagirathi. Incidents of cloudburst, flash flood and landslides at various locations have also triggered the impact causing to loss of life, damages to property and road block in the state. The rainfall ranges between 50mm to 500mm till 16th June. Weather forecast has suggested continuation of heavy rains in 48-72 hours.

B. KEY HIGHLIGHTS: Table for damages and casualties:

District Affected:	Uttarkashi , Rudraprayag, Chamoli, and Tehri
Town Affected:	Garhwal area namely Karanprayag (Chamoli district), Rudraprayag and Agastmuni (Rudraprayag district) and Srinagar (Pauri Garhwal).
Villages Affected:	Mogi, Kanad and Chanad villages of Jaunpur block. Fidogi village of Dhanolti
No. of houses Damaged	Around 60 and above
No. of people Dead Confirmed:	20
No. of people Missing:	50-60
No. of people Affected:	Around 10,000

Sources: (Inter Agency Group, Uttarakhand)

C. IMPACTS OF THE FLOOD SITUATION:

- Around 20 deaths are confirmed at various locations in Kedarnath, Haridwar, Dehradun and around 50-60 persons are missing in various flashflood events in Uttarakhand State.
- More than 135 roads including the national highways are blocked at many places, resulting thousands of pilgrims and local peoples stuck on roads, news reports suggest that more than 25000 people are on roads. The pilgrims are on road now more than 24 hours and in very bad conditions. There is lack of food and shelter for these pilgrims. Many of them are reported in their vehicles and spending the night on roads.
- In Kedarnath area due to increase in water level of Vasukital (a glacial lake) flash flood occurred that resulted in 60 people missing out of which 8 bodies have been recovered.
- In Uttarkashi increased water flow in Asignaga and Bhagirathi river has caused heavy damages to property. An estimated by PU team suggests that around 60 houses are washed off and around 10000 people are directly affected of Gangori, Ujeli, Tioth and Josiyara towns. All these area are situated along the river Bhagirathi. The link between Gangori and Sangamchatti (last year intervention area in emergency floods) is cutoff now. Information from remote villages that lies in PU area of Uttarkashi PU is awaited as the rains continues and road between Uttarkashi to Bhatwari is also damaged at many locations. Uttarkashi DM Mr. Rajesh has claimed that effected pilgrims and local people are sent to relief camps established in collages and schools. Their food



arrangement is being done.

- Some other towns in Garhwal area namely Karanprayag (Chamoli district), Rudraprayag and Agastmuni (Rudraprayag district) and Srinagar (Pauri Garhwal) are also affected. The lowland and river bank areas of these towns are submerged in the water. Local administration has also rescued some families from above area.
- An incident of cloudburst occurred in Fidogi village of Dhanolti area (Tehri-garhwal District) resulting in washing of 4 houses and heavy loss of animals as people were not able to take away their animals.
- Mogi, Kanad and Chanad villages of Jaunpur block (Tehri Garhwal District) are also affected. Around 2 dozen of houses are washed off in these villages.
- The water level of all water streams, small rivers and major rivers namely Mandakini, Alakhnanda, Bhagirathi and Ganaga is very close to danger signs.

(Source: IAG, Uttarakhand)

D. RESPONSES OF GOVERNMENT/HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES:

1. District administration of all the affected Districts are released alert and evacuated population living in the banks of river.
2. DM Uttarkashi claims that pilgrimage and local affected peoples are shifted to safer location and food arrangements are done for them.
3. IAG member SBMA/Plan deployed 10 staff for search, rescue, and evacuation.
4. IAG member SHRISTI is collecting information regarding situation.
5. State IAG called an emergency meeting of core team members at Plan India office Dehradun on 18th June to discuss the situation and action ahead.

E. IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

As rain in the region is continues, and information is yet to be awaited, need assessment shall be done as soon as possible.

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