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## Situation Report 2 on Severe Cyclonic Storm THANE in Tamil Nadu 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012

As the storm quickly lost strength over land and on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 morning, rainfall occurred at many places over Kerala and Lakshadweep; at a few places over south & coastal Andhra Pradesh and Chattisgarh and at one or two places over Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh. The chief amount of rainfall (in cm) recorded at 1730 hours IST of yesterday were: Kavali-5, Minicoy-2, Cochin, Nellore, Visakapatnam, Coimbatore and Sagar-1 each.

### Impact Analysis:

Based on information available till now from media sources and Tamil Nadu IAG members and their partners:

- 37 people died in south India (26 in Tamil Nadu, four in Kerala and seven in Puducherry — due to electrocution, falling of trees and collapsing roofs or walls).
- Damaged standing paddy crops on around 25,000 acres of land in the Cauvery delta region
- 5000 people displaced
- Transport, communication, buildings and power lines were damaged (2/3 days for the restoration of communication and electric lines)

### Immediate Action from Humanitarian Agencies:

- IAG Tamil Nadu organized and Emergency Coordination Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 at CASA office, Chennai to discuss the situation and plan the next actions. (Minutes enclosed).
- IAG member “BEDROC” did initial assessment in coastal villages of Nagapattinam (Details enclosed). Assessment of interior areas is ongoing. (Contact: Ms. Annie George, [09442100074](tel:09442100074), [annie@bedroc.in](mailto:annie@bedroc.in))
- MSF conducting assessment in Puducherry and Cuddalore today (01<sup>st</sup> January, 2012). (Contact: Dr. Sunita Abraham, [09868524787](tel:09868524787), [dr.sunita.abraham@gmail.com](mailto:dr.sunita.abraham@gmail.com), [msfocb-delhi-med@brussels.msf.org](mailto:msfocb-delhi-med@brussels.msf.org))
- CASA conducting an assessment today in Cuddalore.
- Next IAG Coordination meeting planned for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### Next plans of IAG and members:

- Next IAG Coordination meeting planned for 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012.
- IAG members initiate primary assessment and collect more information.
- Habitat for Humanity is planning to provide shelter Kits in Pondicherry
- CASA is planning to provide cooked food in around 60 villages in Cuddalore and Sirkazhi area of Nagapattinam, where in around 10 villages the feeding start from 31<sup>st</sup> onwards.

- Red Cross with support of Lions Club are providing 600 relief Kits

### Response from Government

- 6,000 coastal villagers were provided food and shelters in relief shelters.
- Officials report from government is likely to be available on Monday. Information collection is ongoing.

### Immediate Needs

According to IAG emergency coordination meeting:

- The information available as of now gave a picture that there is an immediate need like food/dry rations and NFI. As huts, mud walled houses and tiled houses have been damaged, where roof of houses have been uprooted, the need is felt in Shelter also. Media reports also do give the impact of Cyclone Thane on Shelter were many houses have been damaged (fully and partially).
- The government assessments (expected on Monday) would give a clear picture on the level of need.

### Weather Forecast up to 0830 hours IST of 04th January, 2012

- Rain/thundershowers would occur at a few places over south Peninsular India and Lakshadweep area during next 24 hours and decrease thereafter.
- Rain/thundershowers would occur at a few places over Uttar Pradesh, central and adjoining east India during next 48 hours and decrease thereafter.

### Sources of Information and links

- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)  
[http://www.imd.gov.in/section/nhac/dynamic/allindia\\_main.htm](http://www.imd.gov.in/section/nhac/dynamic/allindia_main.htm)
- National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)  
<http://www.imd.gov.in/section/nhac/dynamic/cwind.htm>
- IAG Tamil Nadu
- Media

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