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Situation report (Japanese Encephalitis)

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Situation report of Japanese Encephalitis in UP:

Japanese Encephalitis a disease transmitted by mosquito bites, has severely hit Uttar Pradesh and Bihar again. In last two months almost 500 children have reportedly died in the eastern part of the UP and western Bihar and around 4480 people infected.

Districts Affected:

The deaths, mostly of children, took place in various districts, including Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, Siddharthnagar, Basti and Sant Kabir Nagar in eastern UP and Gopalganj, Siwan, Chappra and Muzafferpur in Bihar. Gorakhpur is the worst affected area with maximum cases.

Causes of the Outbreak:

The outbreak of the virus is due to poor condition in flood-hit areas of the region, where this year's [2011] monsoons have left pools of stagnant water that have allowed mosquitoes to breed and infect villagers. The floods have also led to the contamination of clean water sources such as wells, leaving many people with no option but to use the same dirty water for both drinking and sanitation. The infection spreads every year in impoverished parts of Uttar Pradesh during the monsoon season, resulting in hundreds of deaths.

Efforts from Government:

- The health department have released Rs 18 crore for a 100-bed ward at the BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur.
- Rs 2500 crore have been sanctioned under the National Rural Mission this year for UP out of which Rs 5 crore is specifically for encephalitis.

Immediate Actions

- Detailed assessment and analysis of the situation.
- Identification of strategies to control and prevent the situation
- Collaborative action of all actors

Advisory for humanitarian agencies:

Humanitarian agencies and their partners are requested to give attention to this emerging medical emergency and initiate assessment efforts for developing more specific statistical and authentic information.

Sources and Important links:

- Media Reports
- IAG UP

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