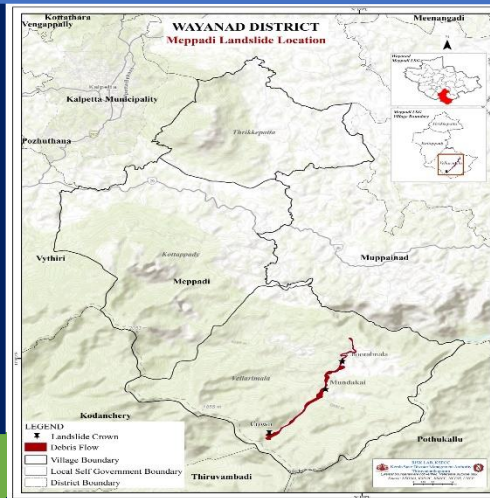


SITUATION REPORT- 4

Wayanad Landslide

Date: 09th August 2024 (Thu)

Time: 05:00 PM (IST)



SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- On 30th July 2024, at approximately 02:17 hours, a major landslide occurred due to incessant heavy to extremely heavy rainfall at Mundakki, Chooralmala, Vellarimala Village in Meppadi Panchayat, Vythiri Taluk, Wayanad District. The landslide has buried Around 480 houses and shops under the debris.
- As reported by the State Emergency Operational Centre (SEOC) Kerala, a total of 226 bodies and 189 body parts have been recovered so far.
- A total of 378 persons have sustained injuries, 214 individuals have been rescued alive, and approximately 138 persons remain missing.
- Out of the injured, 93 persons are currently admitted to various hospitals, while 301 have been discharged after receiving medical care.
- A total of 2,243 affected individuals are currently being sheltered in 26 relief camps.

Statistical Analysis



Location: Mundakki, Chooralmala, Vellarimala Village



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Injured : 378



Missing People: Approx. 138



Hospitalized: 93



Infrastructure Damage: Around 480



No. of Camps: 26



No. of Camp Inmates: 2,243

Government Response

- In response to the landslides and other rain-related disasters in Wayanad district, the Health Department – National Health Mission has established a control room in Wayanad.
- Hon. Prime Minister, announced ex-gratia of ₹2 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased in the landslides
- The NHM state mission director has been deployed in the district to coordinate local health activities.
- The State Project Officer of KSDMA is assigned to DEOC Wayanad for better coordination between government and NGOs.
- Government of Kerala issued a unified emergency contact (8589001117) for emergencies related to the Wayanad Mundakai disaster.
- A drone-based operation, utilizing two sets of UAV-based sub-soil scanners, has been initiated to assist in the search and rescue efforts.
- The Indian Army has deployed specialized equipment, including M-6 Zaver radar and REECO radar, along with six operators for search and rescue operations.
- A total of 54 excavators, 7 JCBs, 2 tractors, 1 hydraulic cutter, 32 wood cutters, and 13 electric jackhammers have been deployed to remove debris and wooden logs.



- Over 1,200 rescuers, including teams from the NDRF, Army, Air Force, Navy, Fire Services, Civil Defence, Police, and local Emergency Response Teams (ERT), have been deployed for rescue and relief operations
- More than 100 ambulances, along with doctors and medical staff, have been deployed to provide medical support and treatment, coordinated by the local administration and Armed Forces.
- Sniffer and cadaver dogs have been deployed to assist in search and rescue operations.
- Six helicopters were initially deployed by the IAF and Navy; of these, four have been de-inducted, and currently, two IAF helicopters are conducting ongoing rescue and relief operations.
- Air Force helicopters are on standby in Trivandrum, Sulur, Bangalore, and Tanjavur, ready for further deployment
- Search and rescue efforts are ongoing, led by teams from the NDRF, Army, Air Force, Navy, Civil Defence, Fire Services, Police, and local administration.
- The Central Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) to visit the affected areas of the state. The team is scheduled to visit from 8th August 2024 to 10th August 2024.
- As of now, the NDRF rescue teams have rescued 30 persons, evacuated 520 individuals, and retrieved 112 bodies.
- The Director General (DG) of NDRF is currently visiting the affected area.
- A total of 14 columns of the Indian Army, including five medical teams, an Engineer Task Force, and a dog squad, have been deployed for rescue and relief operations.
- The Indian Army troops have rescued and evacuated over 125 stranded laborers.
- On 1st August 2024, the Indian Army completed the construction of a Bailey bridge, which has been made functional to facilitate rescue, relief operations, and vehicular movement.
- Two IAF helicopters, along with Garud Commandos, remain deployed for rescue and relief operations.
- The IAF helicopters have conducted 24 sorties, delivering 710 kg of relief materials to the affected population.
- Two Indian Navy helicopters were deployed for rescue and relief operations.
- INS Zamorin has been pre-positioned in the area to assist the local administration in rescue and relief efforts.
- One Indian Navy column from Kozhikode, comprising a 69-person team including a medical team and a river crossing team, has been deployed to the incident site for rescue and relief operations.
- Three Disaster Response Teams (DRTs) were initially deployed for rescue and relief operations. Additional assets were kept on standby.

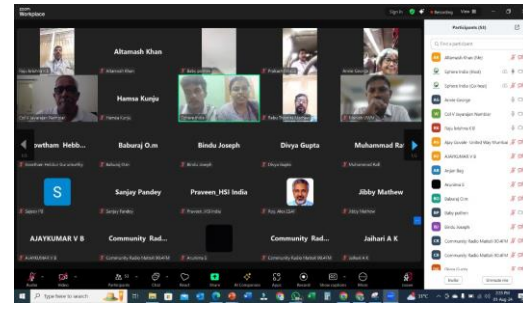


Rescue Operations in Wayanad
Source: Media

Humanitarian Responses

- In response to the landslides in Wayanad, IAG Wayanad organised a meeting on 01st August 2024 of all responding organizations who are currently working in Wayanad, as well as those planning to respond. They had a executive committee meeting on 03rd August. With support from DEOC.
- IAG Wayanad had set up a GO – NGO Coordination desk at DEOC Wayanad to coordinate with all the request coming from organisations to provide immediate, emerging and long term support.
- Measures taken by Telecom Providers: After devastating landslides in Wayanad, telecom providers BSNL, Airtel, Reliance Jio, and Vodafone Idea have rapidly restored connectivity to support rescue operations and aid the affected communities.
- A coordination desk at the District Emergency Operations Center (DEOC) has been established to manage requests and ensure timely updates and needs assessments. The focus is on preventing duplication of efforts among the 1,300 plus NGOs which expressed their desire to respond to the Wayanad disaster.
- The IAC Committee also met on 31st July morning and activated the URS. Link to URS 5W Matrix: http://tiny.cc/URSMapping_Wayanad
- Humanitarian Aid International (HAI) is collaborating with Cosmic Community Centre, Shreyas and KAPS for community-led responses, provided 800 steel plates and 1000 steel glasses. They are planning to offer WASH support and use Appreciative Inquiry to explore community-led responses.
- Bal Raksha Bharat is working with Kudumbashree to assess needs and plans to distribute hygiene and shelter kits.
- Monday.com Emergency Response Team Offering technical support through digital disaster management tools.
- EFICOR Coordinating with local volunteers and provided 50 mattresses, 50 blankets, and 50 plastic mats.
- Humane Society International/India Focusing on aiding stray animals affected by the disaster.
- Doctors for You Set up two mobile medical units, provided urgently needed medicines, 15 mortuary freezers, and are planning to support the health department in the coming weeks.
- Reliance Foundation is providing milk in tetra packs and fruits for children and other vulnerable population across all the relief camps.
- Joint Voluntary Action for Legal Alternatives (JVALA) is Providing WASH support and tent kits.
- UNICEF India is coordinating with IAG Wayanad and other responding organizations for , supporting rapid needs assessments and to set up help desk volunteers.
- WASH Institute is providing desludging services for emptying septic tanks at relief camps with two mobile septage treatment units, and planning to distribute WASH kits, dustbins, sanitary napkins/adult/child diapers, and steel plates.
- Keystone Foundation is engaged in search and rescue operations, with volunteers active in collection centers.
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- Manav Seva Sansthan (SEVA) is planning to distribute hygiene kits and shelter kits in wards 10, 11, and 12 of Meppadi Panchayat.
- World Vision India is planning to support with non-food items and shelter materials.
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- HelpAge India is providing mobile healthcare units with doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and other volunteers.
- Art of Living and Biocon Foundation is providing essential supplies like masks, gloves, and sanitizers to the relief camps.
- United Way Mumbai is monitoring the situation and planning to focus on mid-term response and long-term rehabilitation based on the needs.
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- ICDM Provided mobile charging stations for rescue officials.
- ADRA is conducting field visits and assessments, planning to provide food rations, hygiene kits, and mid-term and long-term support. It has distributed tarpaulin sheets and dry food rations in Chundakkuni and Puzhamkuni Wards of Noolpuzha Panchayat.
- United Way Bengaluru is planning to focus on mid-term and long-term rehabilitation, including revamping public buildings, community halls, health infrastructure, and livelihoods.
- PULSE Emergency Team Kerala Engaged in search and rescue, camp support activities, and planning to support government agencies with camp management, WASH support, and damage assessment.
- Trained professionals affiliated to the Kerala wing of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists (IACP) are extending a helping hand to the survivors of the devastating landslides.



IAG Committee meeting_01/08/2024



IAG, UNICEF, and Sphere India Discussing Emerging needs with Line department officials



Shreyas distributing relief materials



GO- NGO Coordination Desk, SEOC

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- HSI is also assessing the impact on animals and livestock and have reported that 18 cattle sheds are destroyed, 3 poultry farms are destroyed and 8 acre of green fodder is lost. 363 large animals, 3310 fowls and 109 Livestock farmers are affected. HIS has started supporting animals in the affected areas (Dogs- 19, Cats- 5 and Cattle- 22)
- HAM radio operators have set up a communication unit and are supporting smooth communication between the rescue teams and the centre. They have also supported NDRF in identification of houses for Search and Rescue through maps provided by volunteers from Open Source Community Mapping groups.
- Students from a Government Higher Secondary School at Meppadi are tirelessly volunteering in the relief camps, working diligently to assist survivors of the massive landslides that hit the high-range district with food and supplies.
- RIGHTS is building the capacity of frontline communities with its partners.
- ESAF provided relief materials to two camps, medical ambulance services with trained staff, childcare at camps, and are planning to continue with medical relief, psycho-trauma counseling, and work in association with concerned authorities.
- Indian Red Cross Society Wayanad is planning to provide medical support and volunteer support for the next two weeks.
- School teachers are also playing a crucial role, motivating and supporting the students, many of whom are part of the NSS and NCC programmes, in their efforts.



HSI assessing the situation



Reliance Foundation Providing assistance



HAI engaged in appreciative enquiry



ADRA India assessing the situation



Eficor Providing relief materials

- SEEDS India is providing Food, Non-Food Items (NFI), Hygiene kits, Psychosocial Care, Transitional Shelter, and School Restoration support in the affected areas.
- Neethi Vedhi has started field visits and initial counseling for Adivasis and migrant laborers, and plans to visit relief camps, interact with Adivasi families in affected villages, and engage with migrant laborers and their families.
- Voice Trust Trichy and Thomson Reuters, in collaboration with Wayanad Social Service Society, is providing camp support, food and essential supplies, hygiene kits for rescue workers, and plans to distribute hygiene and shelter kits.
- Caritas India is conducting assessments, providing camp support, and WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) related assistance, with plans to distribute WASH and shelter kits.
- KAPS is coordinating with social work colleges in the region, involving faculty and students in the response efforts. They are supporting the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and its team by providing social work students to manage help desks at Kalpetta and Sulthan Bathery. They are also planning psychosocial assessments, support, and social work interventions.
- Charity World Trust is supporting relief camps by providing food, essential supplies, and hygiene kits for rescue workers. They are planning further distributions of hygiene kits and shelter kits.
- Pavithra Divya Jyothy Ashramam is providing camp support and transportation assistance for officials at the Meppadi camp.
- WDRF is involved in camp support, providing food and essential supplies, and assisting with cleaning efforts.
- Reliance Foundation is supporting camps by providing milk and fruits. They are also planning to offer psychosocial support, distribute Jio Phones and Jio Sim recharges for one year, and provide livestock support to the affected community.
- Indian Red Cross Society is assisting with search and rescue operations, managing dead bodies, collecting relief materials, and distributing them to those in need.



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