

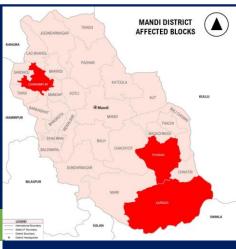
Situation Report 3

HP Cloudbursts, Flash Floods, Landslides

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SITUATION UPDATE

- Himachal Pradesh continues to reel under the impact of the ongoing monsoon season, with a cumulative death toll of 78, including both rain-related incidents and road accidents.
- According to official data, 50 fatalities have occurred due to cloudbursts, flash floods, landslides, and electrocution, while 28 deaths have been linked to traffic accidents triggered by adverse weather conditions.
- The financial toll of the disaster is also significant, with estimated damages amounting to ₹541.09 crore. Massive losses have been recorded across infrastructure, residential property, agriculture, and livestock.
- In total, 10,168 animals and birds have perished—including 10,000 poultry birds and 168 cattle—adding to the distress in already vulnerable rural communities.
- The district of Mandi remains the worst-affected, with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) confirming 14 fatalities and 28 people still reported missing. According to the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, the subdivisions most severely impacted are Thunag, Karsog, Gohar, and Dharampur.
- Damage to private property is widespread. At least 225 houses have been damaged, many of them completely destroyed and uninhabitable. In addition, 243 cowsheds have collapsed, and 214 heads of cattle have been lost. Commercial damage includes seven shops destroyed and 14 bridges washed away or rendered unsafe, severely impacting local transportation and market access.
- Transport infrastructure across Mandi has also suffered extensively. As of 5:00 PM on July 6, 184 roads remain blocked, including two national highways, disrupting mobility and access to relief operations. The electrical infrastructure is heavily affected, with 182 distribution transformers (DTRs) out of service. Water supply has also been severely impacted, with 158 water supply schemes reported as non-functional as of the latest update.
- Between July 5–6, a cloudburst in Seraj Valley led to the destruction of multiple footbridges and at least one motorable bridge, further isolating already inaccessible rural areas. While no new casualties were reported in this incident, several hamlets sustained heavy losses in agriculture and infrastructure.



Statistical Overview



Districts Affected: 05



Families Affected: Approx. 80000 (Seraj)



Houses Damaged: 225 (Mandi)



Causalities:



Missing Person: 28 (Mandi)



Livestock Affected: 10,168



Blocked Roads: 184 (Mandi)



Transformers Disrupted: 994



Relief Camps: 12 (Mandi)



Relief Camp Inmates: 525 (Mandi)

- Media reports estimate that approximately 80,000 people have been affected in the Seraj region alone. Around 150 homes
 were completely destroyed, and an additional 400 homes were partially damaged. Hundreds of cattle have also been lost in
 this sub-region. Moreover, the Himachal Cooperative Bank in Thunag, which serves nearly 8,000 people, has sustained severe
 damage—its first floor has been gutted, and the vaults have been flooded.
- Agriculture and horticulture have also taken a massive hit, with thousands of hectares of cropland damaged.
- In Dharampur sub-division, 27 houses have been fully damaged, with 11 houses partially damaged, and approximately 76 cattle deaths have been reported from the area.



Government Response

- In response to the devastating impact of the monsoon-triggered cloudbursts and flash floods across Himachal Pradesh, particularly in Mandi district, both state and central governments have launched extensive rescue, relief, and restoration operations.
- A total of 209 personnel have been deployed on the ground across the district. This includes teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Indian Army, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), and Home Guards. These teams are actively operating in high-risk and hard-to-reach areas such as Thunag (where 11 people are still missing), Pandavshila, Dhar Jharol, Jundi, Lambathach, Siyanj, Parwara, and Talwara. Rescue personnel are using drones, mules, and helicopters to reach remote villages cut off due to landslides and infrastructure collapse.



Governor flags off vehicles with relief material | Source: Press Releases – HP

- A total of 290 individuals have been successfully rescued from areas at high risk of landslides and flash floods. The district administration has established 12 relief camps, currently sheltering 525 evacuees.
- To address immediate food insecurity, the Mandi district administration has distributed 2,355 ration kits across the worst-hit areas. Major distributions include 1,000 kits in Bagsiad, 801 in Jhanjheli, and 197 in Thunag. Remote locations are being supplied with the help of porters and coordinated efforts by the Army and ITBP.
- In terms of financial assistance, the state government has sanctioned ₹23.75 lakh as immediate relief to the most severely affected subdivisions. Thunag received the highest allocation of ₹10 lakh, followed by ₹7 lakh to Gohar, and ₹3 lakh each to Karsog and Dharampur. Additional funds have been disbursed to Balichowki, Sundernagar, Sarkaghat, and Jogindernagar based on need assessments.
- To provide emergency shelter, a total of 2,524 tarpaulin sheets have been distributed. Gohar received the largest share with 489 sheets, followed by Thunag (450), Sadar (397), and Dharampur (319). Other areas also received supplies based on the severity of damage reported.
- The Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department (HPPWD) has mobilized a substantial fleet and workforce, deploying 170 heavy machines and 1,257 personnel—with particular focus on Thunag and Seraj regions. Road-clearing and bridge restoration works are progressing swiftly.
- The Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV) has restored 587 of the 790 disrupted water supply schemes using over 2,000 field personnel and deploying 15 tankers to provide water to Mandi town and surrounding areas. Temporary pipeline networks have been laid to ensure access to safe drinking water in cutoff villages.
- The Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) is working to restore power infrastructure, having deployed 150 personnel, including 60 workers in Thunag alone, to restore the remaining 182 disrupted transformers.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been instrumental in relief operations, conducting air-drops of 90 to 246 ration kits, along with blankets, clothing, and medical supplies, especially into the inaccessible hamlets of Thunag and Seraj valley.
- The Deputy Chief Minister announced that travel and goods transport via the Baglamukhi ropeway near Pandoh in Mandi will be completely free of cost for the next 7 to 10 days to facilitate relief movement to the Seraj region.
- The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh has announced ex-gratia payments for the families of the deceased, and additional compensation is being disbursed for housing and livestock loss. He further declared a monthly house rent assistance of ₹5,000 to all affected families who were living in rented accommodations and have now lost their homes. The Chief Minister also directed all Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) to ensure the uninterrupted provision of food supplies to affected populations.
- To support the district's efforts, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh flagged off three trucks of essential relief materials from Raj Bhavan, Shimla. The supplies, sent through the State Red Cross Society, include 540 blankets, 500 tarpaulin sheets, 20 boxes of clothing, kitchen sets, buckets, and other necessary household items, and are being routed to the Mandi district administration for distribution to affected families.
- The district has also witnessed coordinated inter-agency efforts, with a war-footed deployment of manpower and machinery across Public Works, Electricity, Jal Shakti, and BRO departments. These efforts are steadily reducing the number of blocked roads, disrupted water schemes, and power outages across Mandi.





Humanitarian Response

- Sphere India, in coordination with the State IAG representative, facilitated an Emergency Inter-Agency Coordination (IAC)
 Meeting on 30th June 2025. The Unified Response Sheet (URS) was activated to help prevent duplication, ensure coordinated
 action, and guide donors and partners in supporting active local responders. Link of URS Sheet:
 https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SepNJGVZqs4cvs-iAyx_nCFmmx9R-Q0g4jFAh86RNXo/edit?usp=sharing
- Local organizations in Mandi, along with Sphere India, have initiated preliminary coordination for a **Rapid Needs Assessment** (RNA) to inform the ongoing humanitarian response.
- Jai Baba Kamlahiya Aradhana is actively providing relief in Bhoranj, Bamson, and Hamirpur blocks of Hamirpur district.
- Mountain Forum Himalayas (MFH), in collaboration with ERA and Samarpan NGO, is supporting affected communities in Kangra (Dehra, Khundiyan, Shahpur) and independently extending efforts in Mandi (Gohar, Dharampur, Karsog, and Mandi blocks).
- **DOERS** is mobilising 250 ready-to-eat food kits for rescue personnel, along with 100 dry ration kits and 150 shelter kits for affected families.
- PRAYAS NGO and local partners are providing emergency relief in Paonta Sahib and Nahan blocks of Sirmour district.
- Ved Mata Gayatri Jan Kalyan Samiti is responding in Rohru and Chirgaon blocks of Shimla district, delivering emergency support to local residents.
- Victory India National Organisation is conducting independent relief work in Nalagarh and Baddi blocks of Solan district.
- Samaj Kalyan Avem Vikas Mandal is responding in Chopal and Kupvi blocks of Shimla, and Shillai block of Sirmour, supporting both primary and secondary stakeholders.
- Manav Seva Sansthan and Sahayog Foundation are delivering relief services in Bilaspur district, covering Jhanduta, Ghumarwin, Sadar, and Swarghat blocks.
- Satnam Seva Ashram is working in Joginder Nagar, Paddar, and Dharampur blocks of Mandi district, focusing on DRR and emergency needs.
- Samarpan Association is conducting field assessments for targeted relief in Bhattiyat (Chamba) and Rait (Kangra).
- Society for Technology and Development (STD), with support from SFD Nagwain, has established a shelter facility for 50 individuals in Nagwain and is working in Balh, Sunder Nagar, Sadar, and Balichowki blocks of Mandi, supporting both tourists and locals.
- Natural Environmental & Health Association is implementing DRR-based interventions in Sullah, Bhawarna, and Lambagaon (Kangra) and Bhattiyat (Chamba) using their own resources.
- EduCARE Dharamshala / EduCARE India is Working in coordination with DIAG and DDMA Kangra across all blocks and subdivisions of Kangra district, EduCARE is delivering DRR-focused emergency and mid-term relief interventions using its own funds.
- **ECODEVA Dharamshala** is actively supporting immediate and mid-term emergency relief interventions across the district using internally mobilized resources.
- Supported by multiple corporate donors, **United Way Mumbai** is preparing to deliver immediate relief and mid-term humanitarian support; operational details and area of deployment are being finalized.
- **EFICOR** has identified 140 affected people in Karsog block of Mandi district, and is preparing to distribute relief kits, with support from Donatekart and Amazon funding.
- Centre for Sustainable Development is operating in Saraj, Mandi, Chachyot, Pandoh, and Bagsaid, and is providing
 emergency relief to affected households across 7 Gram Panchayats, supported by Donatekart, Amazon, and local community
 donations.
- Humanitarian Aid International (HAI) In partnership with the Rural Technology Development Centre (RTDC), has initiated
 planning for emergency response interventions in Seraj Block of Mandi district; implementation details are under
 development.

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