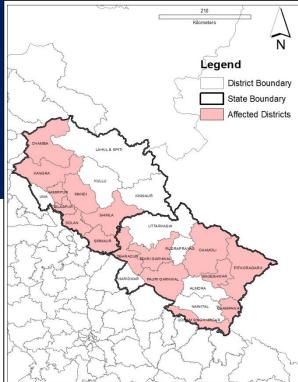


Situation Report Landslide in Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand

Date: 18th August 2023 Time: 12:00 PM (IST)

Background:

During the ongoing monsoon season, which commenced on June 24th, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have been confronted with a sequence of unfortunate events including flash floods, landslides, and cloudbursts, affecting every district within the regions. As of the most recent report, the weather has cleared, leading to a gradual improvement in the situation. Multiple agencies, including BRO, NDRF, ITBP, SDRF, Police, DDRF, and the local administration are actively engaged in restoration and relief operations.



SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

Uttarakhand:

- Uttarakhand has experienced a series of weather-related incidents, including flash floods, landslides, and cloudbursts, since the onset of the current monsoon season.
- In the past five days, seven districts—Dehradun, Pauri Garhwal, Champawat, Udam Singh Nagar, Tehri Garhwal, Pithoragarh, and Bageshwar—have faced flood-like situations due to heavy rainfall and adverse weather conditions.
- During this period, a total of 25 landslide incidents and 01 cloud burst incident have been reported. Tragically, these incidents have led to the loss of 13 lives. 118 individuals have been safely rescued, although 17 people remain missing.
- The impacts on infrastructure and property have been considerable, with 62 houses damaged, 06 animals lost, and 147 cattle casualties.
- The transportation network has been severely affected, with 02 National highways, 13 State highways, and 513 Rural Roads blocked due to heavy rainfall and landslides. Notably, footbridges and motor bridges have also been washed away, adding to the challenges faced by the affected communities.
- Heavy rains have caused disruption in the Kaluwala area of Dehradun, leading to water entering houses and waterlogging on the streets. Similarly, flooding and landslides have resulted in the Pranmati River's significant rise in Chamoli district and structural damage to the Ram Jhula Bridge in Rishikesh.

SITUATION UPDATES

(Last 05days)

Himachal Pradesh:

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Human Lives Lost – 75

District Affected - 08

- Injured People- 18
- Missing People 14



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Animal lives lost - 16

Completely damaged house - 195



Partially damaged house - 622

Uttarakhand:



District Affected - 07

Human Lives Lost – 13



Animal lives lost - 153



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Completely damaged house - 03



Partially damaged house - 62



Himachal Pradesh:

- Ongoing heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh has led to devastating rain-related incidents, causing significant loss of life and damage to infrastructure. The death toll has tragically risen to 75 due to flash floods, landslides, and other related incidents. Among the casualties, 21 lives were lost in major landslides at the Shiva temple located in Summer Hill, Fagli, and Krishnanagar. Additionally, the debris from these landslides has left eight individuals still missing and feared to be buried.
- As a consequence of the continuous downpour, several key transportation routes have been disrupted. Specifically, seven National Highways and 591 Rural link Roads are blocked or damaged due to heavy rainfall, landslides, and cloud bursts.
- Over the past five days, a total of 38 landslide incidents and 06 cloud burst incidents have been reported.
- A total of 622 houses and cow sheds have been damaged. Additionally, 16 animals have been reported dead as a result of the adverse conditions.
- The Kalka Shimla railway track has also been impacted by heavy rainfall and landslides, further contributing to the transportation disruptions.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Restoration and relief efforts are being carried out by various agencies, including the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Police, District Disaster Response Force (DDRF), and local administration in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts that light to very heavy rainfall may continue to impact Uttarakhand on specific dates, including August 21 to 23.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister visited the affected areas to assess the situation and oversee relief efforts.
- Choppers from the Western Air Command have conducted over 50 sorties in the last 48 hours. This effort has resulted in the successful evacuation of more than 780 individuals from flood-affected areas in the Kangra district.
- Sphere India, State and Districts IAGs, RedCross, HCLF, Care India, SEEDS, Change Alliance, HelpAge India, Ashraya Trust, DFY, DOERS, CASA, HAI, Natural Environmental and Health Association, CBM India, Save the Children, etc are actively involved in the relief and response efforts.



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