

Situation Report

Flood in Himachal Pradesh

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Source: Media

Background:

The state of Himachal Pradesh has been facing severe challenges due to heavy rainfall, cloudbursts, and landslides triggered by the Southwest monsoon. As of the latest available data, these natural disasters have resulted in at least 122 fatalities, with 12 people still reported missing and 140 others injured.

SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- The districts of Solan, Shimla, Kinnaur, Sirmour, Kullu, Mandi, Kangra, and Chamba have been severely affected by heavy and incessant rains, leading to extensive damage to roads, bridges, and culverts.
- The damage to the electricity infrastructure has also been significant, with electric poles, transformers, and other assets of the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) suffering losses estimated at Rs. 1382.56 Crore.
- The situation remains critical, and on 17th July, another incident occurred in Kullu district, where one casualty reported, and three others were injured when their vehicle was swept away in a flash flood caused by a cloudburst. Additionally, nine vehicles were also swept away, and road connectivity was disrupted at Kayas village in Raison area.
- Apart from the human casualties and infrastructure damage, the natural disasters have also impacted the livestock in the region. Nearly 400 sheep were reported dead due to extreme cold in the high-altitude Pin Valley, while 1,200 sheep were successfully rescued in Lahaul and Spiti districts, which experienced heavy snowfall.
- Amidst these challenges, rescue teams have been actively engaged in providing aid to stranded animals. On July 14, a rescue team, with the help of local people, provided fodder, medicines, and ration to donkeys stranded at Kunzum Top and Chandratral.

SITUATION UPDATES



Affected Districts – 08



Human Lives – 122



Missing Persons – 12



Injured persons – 140



Fully Damaged Houses - 845



Partially Damaged buildings - 2845



Animals Affected – 921



No. of persons evacuated - 75000 Tourists



Affected Water Supply Schemes - 9526



Affected agriculture – 28495 hectares

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government Preparedness and Response

- Light to moderate rain with thunder is expected in Una, Kangra, Hamirpur, Shimla, Solan, Sirmaur, and Mandi districts, while heavy rainfall is anticipated in Kullu district, as stated by the IMD bulletin.
- To ensure the safety of the residents, approximately 3,000 people were evacuated from Kasol and its suburbs, and 6,552 vehicles were moved out of the affected areas.
- The Indian Air Force has requisitioned two choppers for search and rescue operations.
- Around 75,000 stranded tourists were successfully evacuated from various locations across the state.
- The Chief Minister conducted an aerial survey of Sissu, Chandertal, and Losar areas in Lahaul and Spiti district, as well as Manali in Kullu district, to assess the extent of destruction caused by heavy rainfall. The Chief Minister interacted with rescued individuals during his visits to Sissu and Manali.
- The state government is taking proactive measures to provide relief to the affected families by releasing ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 4 lakhs per deceased, following the prescribed norms under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). The total loss incurred due to the calamities has been estimated to be approximately Rs. 4.44 Crore.
- Central teams have been deployed to assess the situation in the flood-affected areas.
- DDMA Kullu constitute a facilitation team for coordination with civil society/ Organisation or NGOs for undertaking humanitarian/ relief assistance in kind to the flood affected area in Kullu

Stakeholder's Preparedness and Response

- **Natural Environmental and Health Association** is providing support in Kangra and Chamba districts.
- **CASA** is actively engaged in relief work in the districts of Kinnaur, Kullu, Mandi, and Solan.
- **HAI** and their partners are planning relief work in Mandi and Khangla.
- **Doers** is continuously monitoring the situation and, in collaboration with the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), is preparing to initiate the Joint Rapid Needs Assessment (JRNA) for Himachal Pradesh.
- **Change Alliance**, in association with their partners, is actively working in Himachal Pradesh. They are providing essential supplies such as wash kits, dry ration, and shelter kits, along with psychosocial support to the affected communities.
- **Save the Children** is currently assessing the situation in Himachal Pradesh to determine the appropriate response for providing relief and support.
- **Caritas India** is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing to respond in Kullu and the two most affected districts.
- **Sphere India** is actively monitoring the situation and organized an Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on July 14th, 2023 with the responding agencies and the state actors, and has activated the URS (Unified Response Strategy) Matrix to coordinate the relief efforts efficiently. – [URS Matrix](#)



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