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## SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE

- Maharashtra is currently facing heavy rain, with authorities on high alert to address issues arising from excessive precipitation. Recently, a massive landslide hit Irshalwadi in Raigad district's Khalapur tehsil, resulting in significant impacts on the region.
- As of now, around 15,555 people have been affected by heavy rain and flooding in various districts, including Gadchiroli, Raigad, Nanded, and Ratnagiri. To provide assistance, the state government has established 23 relief camps in the affected areas.
- A farmer from Wangani village in Palghar district died after being swept away by a sudden flood in the Lendi River.
- A devastating landslide in Irshalwadi has resulted in the loss of 27 lives, with 57 villagers still unaccounted for. NDRF has stopped search operations in the disaster-hit area.
- The Raigad district administration has issued necessary identification cards, such as Aadhaar and ration cards, to 124 survivors of the Irshalwadi landslide. Additionally, the affected villagers have received a payment of ₹5,000 per person to support their immediate needs.
- Out of the 48 families residing in the affected region, 39 families and their houses were found under the debris caused by the landslide.
- Due to the heavy rainfall forecast, all schools in Raigad district will remain closed on 24<sup>th</sup> July to ensure the safety of students and staff.
- The continuous downpour has also impacted approximately 54,000 hectares of agricultural land, with more than 53,000 hectares located in the Amravati division alone. As a result, 2,796 people, mostly from Yavatmal district, have been relocated to safer areas.
- Furthermore, a landslide on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway near Adoshi village in Raigad district has disrupted traffic towards the state capital.
- In Yavatmal district of Vidarbha, 110 people stranded in Anandnagar Tanda village were successfully rescued on 22nd July. Additionally, nearly 100 people were relocated to safer places in Katargaon village, Sangrampur tehsil, in Buldhana district of Vidarbha.

### SITUATION UPDATE



District Affected -Gadchiroli, Raigad, Nanded, and Ratnagiri



Population Affected – 15,555



Human Lives lost–27 (landslide)



Damaged houses – 125 (Raigad)



Missing Persons – 57



No. of people Evacuated – 2796



Rescued people - 124



Agriculture affected – 54,000 hectares



No. of Relief Camps -23



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# **HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**

#### **Government Preparedness and Response**

- In response to the worsening situation caused by heavy rainfall, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'orange' alert for Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg districts on July 24, indicating the likelihood of heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places.
- To address the emergency, the government has deployed six National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams to Thane, Palghar, Raigad, Ratnagiri, Kolhapur, and Sangli districts. These teams will play a crucial role in handling rescue and relief operations in the affected areas.
- In the wake of the calamity, the government has taken measures to provide support to those affected. Under the Sanjay Gandhi Yojana, various documents and certificates have been issued to 16 orphans, 5 widows, and an infant who have lost their family members in the disaster. Additionally, 41 families have been given eligibility certificates for ex-gratia grants to help them cope with the aftermath of the heavy rain and flooding. Each of these families has received ₹5,000, amounting to a total of ₹2.15 lakh distributed among them. Moreover, eligibility certificates have been issued to procure essential items, further assisting those impacted by natural disaster.
- To assess the situation on the ground and oversee relief efforts, Maharashtra's Relief and Rehabilitation Minister, visited Yavatmal on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

### **Response by NGOs**

- MahaPECOnet is actively monitoring the ground situation and held a meeting with local organizations and government officials on July 20th to assess the situation on the ground. They have also activated the Unified Response System (URS) and requested its members to provide details of their activities through a Google form, to coordinate efforts in response to the ongoing situation.
- Need Vikas Sanstha, Team Parivartan, Alert Citizen Forum, URMEE, and CYDA are closely monitoring the situation and providing regular updates.
- Sphere India secretariat is actively monitoring the situation by coordinating closely with MahaPECOnet to ensure an efficient and coordinated response to the ongoing disaster.





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