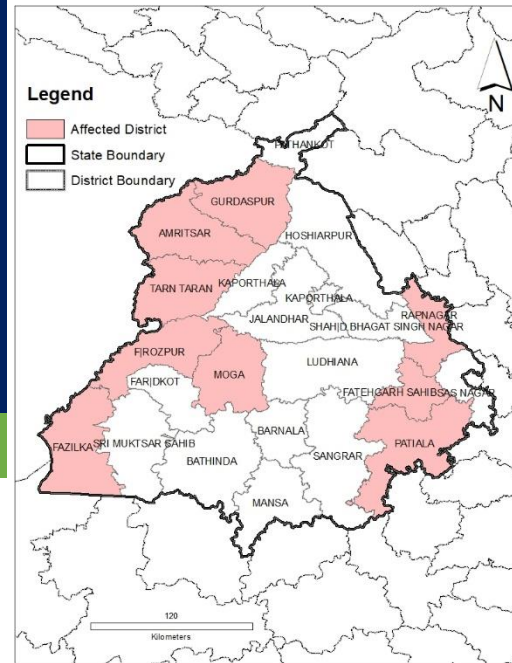


Situation Report Floods in Punjab

Date: 25th August 2023
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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE



- In the wake of continuous and heavy rainfall, flood-like situations have emerged in 09 districts: Amritsar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Fazilka, Gurdaspur, Tarantaran, Rupnagar, Ferozpur, and Moga.
- Punjab is currently grappling with one of the most severe floods it has witnessed in decades. This has impacted 11,927 villages, leading to tragic loss of life with 65 reported human fatalities. Encroachments, notably, have significantly contributed to the extensive devastation observed.
- As of 7 pm on Thursday, the water level in Pong Dam reached 1391.96 feet. Over the past week, heavy rainfall prompted the release of excess water from the Pong and Bhakra dams, resulting in flooding across areas in Punjab's Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, and Ferozepur districts. Subsequently, the increased water levels in the Beas and Sutlej rivers led to flooding in adjacent low-lying regions.
- The state capital, Chandigarh, along with Mohali in Punjab and Panchkula in Haryana, experienced substantial rainfall, offering relief from the preceding heatwave. The India Meteorological Department forecasts further rain in the state throughout the upcoming week.
- In light of the recent floods, farmer leaders in Punjab have declared their intention to persist in seeking compensation for the losses incurred. Chandigarh Police has invited these leaders for a coordination meeting scheduled on September 4th at Punjab Bhawan in Chandigarh.
- The Department of Water Resources has indicated that human encroachment played a critical role in the distressing condition of the Ghaggar River, which breached its banks at 108 points in Punjab.

SITUATION UPDATES



District Affected - 09



Human Lives Lost – 65



Injured People- 23



Missing People - 02



No. of person Evacuated – 652(Last 24 hrs)



Completely damaged house - 685



Partially damaged house - 3059



No of Relief camps - 02



Total Inmates in Camps - 660

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- Chief Minister instructed that all schools be closed from 23rd August 2023 till 26th August 2023 keeping in mind the flood-like situation in Punjab after heavy rains in the state and neighbouring Himachal Pradesh.
- The Public Action Committee (PAC), a collective of civil society groups working on environmental issues in Punjab, has demanded a high-level and independent inquiry to ascertain whether a human error at the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) triggered the floods in Punjab since August 16.
- During the last 24 hours, a total of 652 individuals were successfully rescued and evacuated, with arrangements made for their relocation to safer locations and relief camps.
- Amid these challenging circumstances, the army's 70 Engineer Regiment has exhibited exceptional valor by rescuing 2,000 civilians during the recent Punjab floods
- "Humanity First India" is actively providing essential relief materials to the flood-affected regions of Punjab.
- "The SARA" team has dispatched a range of crucial medicines to support field teams engaged in the Punjab Flood Relief Mission. These medicines encompass multivitamins, cough syrups, ORS, and more, all aimed at assisting those on the ground.
- "The Kalgidhar Society" is also playing a significant role in distributing relief materials to the affected areas. This society is extending an invitation to both individuals and corporates, urging them to contribute and support the people of Punjab during this challenging time.



"Humanity First India" is providing relief materials
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