



Situation Report 1

Land Sinking in Jammu & Kashmir

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Image Source: Media

Situation Overview:

Pernote Village in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district is in dire straits following land sinking since April 25th, resulting in the destruction of 58 houses and critical infrastructure like transmission towers and roads. Over 500 individuals have been displaced. Despite evacuation endeavors, continuous land subsidence threatens remaining homes and agricultural lands, necessitating swift and robust intervention to ensure the safety and well-being of the affected populace.

SITUATION UPDATE

- Over 58 houses have been completely damaged due to land sinking in a village located in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district. Additionally, four transmission towers, a power receiving station, and a section of the road connecting the Gool sub-division with Ramban district headquarters have been affected.
- Approximately 100 households, comprising more than 500 individuals, have been affected by the calamity. Evacuation efforts have successfully relocated these people to safer locations.
- Affected families have been provided shelter primarily at the community hall Maitra. Relief and support services are operational from Pernote Panchayat to assist those displaced by the disaster.
- A significant portion of the Gool road has been damaged and is still sinking, stretching over 3 kilometers. Efforts are underway to mitigate further damage.
- The land subsidence continues, exacerbated by incessant rains, posing a threat to the remaining houses in the area. Hundreds of acres of agricultural land have also been affected.
- The cause of the land sinking is under investigation by experts from the Geological Survey of India to understand the underlying factors contributing to the calamity.
- Reports indicate a shortage of clothing for evacuated individuals, highlighting the immediate need for additional relief supplies. Concerns are also raised regarding the education and future prospects of children affected by the disaster.
- An alternate road has been made operational to connect the Gool sub-division with Ramban headquarters, facilitating the transportation of essential supplies and aiding in the restoration of services, including electricity.

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW



District Affected:
Ramban (J&K)



Population Affected:
500



No. of fully Collapsed
houses: 58



No. of Relief Camp: 1
(community hall Maitra)



Affected Land : Around
03KM radius



Evacuated people:
500



No. of Transmission
Tower affected - 04



Damaged Roads and Houses (Source: Media)

RESPONSES FROM HUMANITARIAN STAKEHOLDERS

- The assessment of damages over the past three days has started on war-footing to facilitate the speedy release of compensation to affected families under the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) norms
- A 24x7 control room, under the supervision of Ramban Block Development Officer, has been established to coordinate relief efforts, mobilizing national and state disaster response forces, police, civil volunteers, and other organizations for rescue operations.
- Under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner, who also serves as the Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), the Ramban district administration has relocated all affected families to the Maitra community hall.
- A health camp, staffed with medical personnel, has been set up to address the healthcare needs of the displaced population.
- Maintaining sanitation and hygiene standards is prioritized, with the district administration ensuring cleanliness at health camps and relocation sites.
- A community kitchen has been initiated to provide timely and hygienic meals to those affected by the disaster.
- A 30-member National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team has joined forces with the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and local volunteers to assist in relocating the affected population to safer areas.



Damaged Electric transmission Tower
Source: Media



Collapsed Houses
Source: Media



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