

Situation Report 1

# J&K Humanitarian Needs and Responses

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## SITUATION UPDATE

- Ongoing shelling by Pakistani forces across the Line of Control (LoC) has resulted in at least 16 civilian fatalities, including three women and five children, and 50+ individuals injured. The Poonch district remains particularly affected.
- The Karnah and Uri sectors have reported extensive property damage, while Kupwara, Baramulla, Mendhar, and Rajouri continue to experience sustained artillery fire.
- In Baramulla district, 23 villages have been affected by the ongoing shelling. Residents have been relocated to a Gurudwara and an indoor stadium, both of which have been turned into relief camps.
- The escalation has triggered mass displacement, with populations from forward villages either already relocated or currently in the process of migrating.
- Srinagar Airport has been closed until 10 May 2025 due to prevailing security concerns.
- The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remains closed due to a landslide, severely affecting both relief operations and civilian movement.
- Authorities have issued a power shutdown advisory, requesting all border villages to switch off lights after 9:00 PM as a precautionary security measure.
- A Gurudwara in Poonch districts was struck during the shelling, and reported minor damages.
- Livestock, particularly cattle, have been left behind during evacuations, causing significant disruptions to affected community.
- Tourism across the Kashmir Valley has been severely impacted, with widespread travel cancellations and movement restrictions impacting livelihood.
- Medical supplies remain sufficient, and no shortages of essential medicines have been reported.
- According to ground teams, adequate stocks of food and non-food relief items are in place across all operational relief camps
- Advisory issued for civilians to relocate at least 200–250 meters away from the international border for safety.

## Statistical Overview



Population Affected:  
 Approx. 500



No. of Casualties :  
 16



Injured :  
 50+



Shelter Camps :  
 09 (Poonch)

## Government Response

- In light of escalating cross-border shelling, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir has sanctioned an emergency relief fund of ₹5 crore for border districts and ₹2 crore for other affected districts to ensure swift response and uninterrupted relief operations.
- An emergency review meeting was convened by the Chief Minister with the Chief Secretary, Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, Commissioner Secretary of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Secretary of Health & Medical Education, and Deputy Commissioners of Jammu, Poonch, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Baramulla, Kupwara, and Bandipora districts. The meeting focused on immediate response, relief provisioning, and inter-departmental coordination.
- In Poonch district, authorities have designated nine public shelter camps equipped with essential amenities to accommodate civilians relocating from forward villages impacted by Pakistani shelling.
- Additionally, [40 designated relief camps have been activated](#) in the Mendhar Sub-Division to support displaced populations. Each camp is staffed with appointed Camp Officers, Assistants, Supervisors, and Nodal Officers, all with accessible contact details to ensure seamless coordination and service delivery.
- Authorities on Wednesday (7 May 2025) ordered closure of all educational institutions in Kupwara, parts of Baramulla and Gurez area in Bandipora district amid prevailing situation. Similarly, Educational institutions have been ordered to be closed in Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri and Poonch districts by Divisional Authorities.

## Humanitarian Response

- ELFA International, has formed an emergency response team to the affected areas to support displaced families and vulnerable populations.
- The District Hospital in Baramulla has availability of 243 units of blood to respond to medical emergencies arising from the ongoing situation.
- The Indian Red Cross Society and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) are actively mobilizing and preparing trained volunteers to support relief operations, evacuation efforts, and emergency response activities across the impacted districts.


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