

Situation Report 03

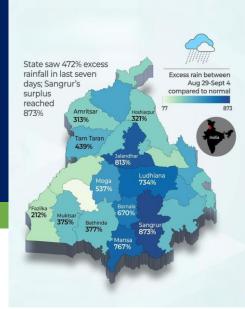
Punjab Floods

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SITUATION UPDATE

- As of 8 September 2025, Punjab is facing one of the most devastating floods in recent history. All 23 districts of the state have been affected, with widespread damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and livestock. The floodwaters have disrupted daily life and caused significant loss to both people and property.
- The official death toll has risen to 48, with three more persons still missing. Agricultural losses are severe, with crops over 1.76 lakh hectares reported as damaged.
- The floods have displaced 3,87,898 people, while an estimated 20 lakh people across 2,050 villages have been impacted by the disaster. So far, 22,938 individuals have been evacuated from the worst-affected areas to safer locations.
- The livestock sector has also suffered greatly. Approximately 2.52 lakh animals and 5.88 lakh poultry birds have been affected, and authorities have distributed over 12,170 quintals of feed to support their sustenance.
- The damage to infrastructure has further complicated relief and rescue efforts. Numerous roads and bridges have been either washed away or severely damaged, limiting access to remote areas.
- Among the districts, Gurdaspur is the worst hit, with 329 villages affected and 1.45 lakh people impacted. Amritsar follows closely with 1.36 lakh affected, while Ferozepur and Fazilka have 38,000 and 25,000 people impacted, respectively.
- The Punjab Education Department, which began assessments on 28 August, estimates that over 300 senior secondary and elementary schools across districts such as Amritsar, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Ropar, and Nawanshahar were affected by flooding. All educational institutions in the state are set to reopen from 8 September, following closures due to the worst floods in three decades. Private schools are scheduled to resume on 8 September, government schools on 9 September, and any further closures will be determined by respective deputy commissioners.
- While the floodwaters have begun to recede in several areas, the challenges
 for residents are far from over. The State Health Department has issued alerts
 regarding a potential outbreak of diseases. Officials have warned of an
 increased risk of skin diseases as well as waterborne and foodborne illnesses
 such as dengue, cholera, typhoid, diarrhea, and hepatitis A and E. Medical
 teams and public health authorities are on high alert as they step up
 preventive measures.
- The state administration, along with relief agencies, continues to work on providing shelter, food, and medical assistance to affected communities, even as the focus shifts toward rehabilitation and rebuilding.



Source: Media

Statistical Overview



Districts Affected: 23



Villages Affected: 2050



Population Affected: 20 lakh



Causalities: 48



Relief Camps: 219



Inmates: 5,400



Agricultural Impact: 1.76 lakh hect



Missing Persons: 03



People Displaced: 3,87,898



Livestock Affected: 2.52 lakh Animals & 5.88 lakh Poultry



Schools Affected by Flooding: 300+



GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Punjab government has set up 219 relief camps, where over 5,400 people have been accommodated. These camps are
 equipped with basic amenities such as food, drinking water, medical care, and sanitation facilities, ensuring that
 displaced families receive immediate assistance during the crisis.
- To address the widespread impact on livestock, 481 veterinary teams have been deployed to provide treatment and arrange medicines for the affected animals. So far, 22,534 animals have received medical care. Recognizing the need for a coordinated response, 24x7 control rooms have been established at both the state headquarters (phone number: 0172 5086064) and at district-level offices to oversee relief operations and respond promptly to emergencies.
- Rescue operations have been bolstered with the deployment of 23 teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), 22 units from the Army, and 144 boats to navigate flooded areas. In addition, over 30 helicopters from the Army and Air Force are actively participating in evacuation and relief missions, helping transport stranded residents and supply essential resources.
- The state government, in an interim report released on Saturday, estimated the total financial loss caused by the floods at ₹14,000 crore. It has requested an immediate release of funds from the National Disaster Relief Fund (NDRF) to help mitigate the hardships faced by flood-affected communities.
- So far, ₹71 crore has been released as immediate relief. In the first phase, ₹35.50 crore was distributed across all districts, and an additional ₹35.50 crore has now been sanctioned specifically for the 12 worst-affected districts to support ongoing relief efforts.
- Further assistance has also been extended by neighboring regions. The Delhi government announced a contribution of ₹5 crore to Punjab's relief efforts, underscoring regional solidarity in times of crisis.
- Healthcare support has been ramped up with the formation of medical teams consisting of ASHA workers and Community Health Officers (CHOs), supervised by medical officers. These teams are conducting door-to-door health checkups in the flood-affected areas to prevent disease outbreaks. Additionally, anti-snake venom has been made available across all health institutions, including community health centers, to treat snakebite incidents common during floods.











HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State Branch, responded to the floods by sending 9 trucks with tents, blankets, household items, and 100 tonnes of animal fodder to affected districts. In Amritsar, 45,000 water bottles and over 17,000 food packets were distributed, with additional support from Jalgaon, Maharashtra, worth ₹8 lakh, aiding communities and livestock.
- ECO PAHADI, collaborating with State Governments, District Administrations, and local communities, has launched a comprehensive flood response initiative to provide urgent relief and support to affected populations in Punjab
- United Way Mumbai is working closely with local NGOs to coordinate relief efforts and is currently awaiting proposals from these organizations. Once finalized, its assistance will focus on providing immediate relief in multiple locations across Punjab.
- Plan India is actively working in Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur, and Gurdaspur, where it is focusing on delivering immediate relief to communities impacted by the floods.
- Feeding India is preparing to provide food assistance in Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Ferozepur, Fazilka, and Tarn Taran. Although the details of the intervention are still being finalized, the organization has committed to supplying immediate food relief to those in need.
- Humane World for Animals India is prioritizing animal welfare by providing support through self-funded initiatives. The organization is focusing on caring for and sustaining animals affected by the floods.
- Humanitarian Aid International (HAI) is operating in Jalandhar and Firozpur, where it has provided 500 blankets, 200 tarpaulin sheets, 4,000 sanitary pads, 1,000 odomos, and 50 mosquito nets to local administration offices. Its relief efforts target both immediate human needs and animal feed requirements, with assistance funded through HAI's Emergency Pooled Fund, amounting to ₹500,000.
- ADRA India has deployed its team to Amritsar to conduct an assessment of flood-affected areas and identify immediate needs.
- Sphere India is coordinating with local organizations and responding agencies to track situation updates, facilitate information sharing, and strengthen collective response efforts. It has also facilitated emergency coordination meetings and activated the URS matrix to ensure efficient coordination. As part of the JRNA process, Sphere India, along with Red Cross volunteers and other responding agencies including ADRA, is conducting assessments and supporting data collection from affected districts, including Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Fazilka, Hoshiarpur, and Ropar.







Humanitarian Agencies Distributing relief materials in affected areas | Source: IAC Punjab Whatsapp Group

Source of Information

Media, Red Cross, Social Media, Sphere India WhatsApp Group, URS Matrix

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