Humanitarian Snapshot Report 9: Flood Situation in Kerala as on 11 August, 2018

A. Situation

Many people are displaced, tourists are stranded, and wildlife is in danger. Northern and central Kerala have been dealing with severe flooding and landslides due to the continuous rainfall.

Opening of all five gates (right picture above) of one of the dams of the Idukki water reservoir have only added misery to the already-dire situation.

The details information is given below.

1. Kerala

Incassant rain triggered by flood and landslide have created havoc across Kerala. On Saturday as heavy rain predicted in Kerala did not happen hence water level in the dam has also come down that bring a sigh of relief to people around Idukki dam and in Ernakulam and Thrissur. So far buildings and infrastructure collapsed have left almost 54,000 people homeless due to rains triggers by flood and landslide in the state.

The water level at the Idukki reservoir went down from 2,401.60 feet yesterday to 2,400.72 feet today. The maximum capacity of the reservoir is 2,403 feet.

Rescue operations are being carried out round-the-clock, and over 50 tourists stranded at a resort in the popular hill station of Munnar in Idukki, have been rescued by the army. The army, navy, air force, coast guard, and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have joined hands, by coordinating on a massive scale to carry out evacuations and relief operations.

The state government has issued a fresh red alert for the worst affected areas of the state. The alerted districts are: Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Malappuram, Kozhikode, and Palakkad till August 11, Idukki till August 13, and Wayanad till August 14.

B. Government Response

- The Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and the 14 team of NDRF are deployed and positioned in the flood affected areas to assist states authorities on tackling search and rescue operations.
- A team led by CM P Vijayan conducted an aerial survey of the flood affect areas on saturday morning.
- The homeless people have taken shelter in nearly 500 relief camps.
- Respective district authorities is providing relief materials to those affected people and people in relief camps.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has been issuing regular weather warning bulletin and alerts.

C. Humanitarian Response by Non Government Organisations

- Preliminary needs assessment is underway by Caritas India team in the flood affected areas.
- Sphere India- Inter Agency Coordination committee meeting is scheduled on 12th August, 2018 i.e. tomorrow to take an account of current flood situation in Kerala and plan next actions.
- URS Matrix on Kerala flood can be accessed at below link (requesting agencies to keep on updating the information)

D. Emerging Needs

Though it is too early to spell out needs on ground but some of the immediate indications of humanitarian support outline the following:

- WASH
- Health : Important medicines through health camps
- Food items
- Shelter support- Tarpaulin sheet, mosquito nets, utensils, solar lanterns, bed sheets and cloths

Source Of Information: Media and IAGs WhatsApp Groups

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