



SITUATION REPORT -1: FLOOD SITUATION IN BIHAR

1st October 2019

A. CURRENT SITUATION

Many areas of Bihar have been raining heavily for the last few days. Water has entered 80% of the houses in the capital Patna. The capital received 40% of the monsoon rains within 48 hours from Saturday evening to Sunday evening. The four rivers near Patna, Son, Ganga, Gandak and Punpun, have risen above the danger mark.

Flood water has also entered Nalanda Medical College and Hospital, the second largest healthcare facility in Patna, leaving the Emergency and ICU wards flooded with knee-deep water. Residents in flooded areas were taken out in rescue boats. Municipal cranes were also used to rescue people. There is no power supply in Bihar since the last 3 days.

The release of 2.75 lakhs cusecs of water from Indrapuri barrage across the Sone river on Sunday has worsened the situation in river Ganga which caused panic among people living in Patna. Other than that seven minor embankments of the water resources department were damaged in Nalanda and Jehanabad districts.

IMD (Indian Metrological Department) has predicted heavy rainfall in Bihar region on Monday. The Meteorological Department said that with the activation of the southwest monsoon, cyclonic circulation remains in the Bay of Bengal, due to which heavy rains are expected.

B. IMPACT OF THE SITUATION

Number of districts affected

- 24 districts including the capital city Patna is effected including busy Dak Bungalow Chauraha, NMCH and others submerged in water levels rising up to the chest.
- The posh Rajendra Nagar area, Ramkrishna Nagar, Kankarbagh, Boring road, Nala Road, Gandhi Maidan are among the worst-affected localities in Patna.
- The Pataliputra Colony and Kurji are also severely waterlogged.

Population affected

- 35 people have died in Bihar after incessant rain in the area, including capital Patna.
- 3 people were killed in Bihar's Bhagalpur district when a wall collapsed on them following heavy rains. Many others are feared to be trapped.

C. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Government response

- The state government has demanded two dewatering pumps from coal India to extract water from Patna.



- 02 helicopters have been demanded from the Airforce to evacuate the population and distribute food packets among them.
- NDRF and SDRF have deployed 16 boats to rescue people.
- 19 NDRF teams are carrying out rescue and evacuation operations along with other agencies in the flood-affected areas. The Patna district administration has ordered the closure of all schools and colleges till Tuesday.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has been issuing regular weather warning bulletin and alerts.
- NDMA - Dos and Don'ts during floods were disseminated to public through social media.

NGO Response

- Bihar IAG is closely monitoring the situation.
- Bihar IAG 2nd emergency coordination meeting schedule today i.e. 1st Oct, 2019 at Patna, Bihar

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

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