



**Indian Red Cross Society**  
National Headquarters, New Delhi

**UPDATE ON CYCLONE AILA AND OTHER RELIEF ACTIVITIES**

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**CURRENT SITUATION**

According to the Indian Meteorological Department the southwest monsoon has further advanced into entire central Arabian sea, some parts of north Arabian sea, south Gujarat state, parts of north Konkan and some parts of Madhya Maharashtra. Moderate to heavy rainfall has been reported from some parts of Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka and in isolated parts of northeastern states during the last 24 hours.



The disaster in form of Cyclone AILA that hit West Bengal on 25<sup>th</sup> of May had led to serious devastation affecting millions in the state. After initial damage to property and infrastructure cases of diarrhea, fever, cold etc have been reported from some of the affected areas. According to Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division) two teams consisting of 39 personnel continue to be deployed in North 24 Parganas for relief operations and organizing medical camp.

**RED CROSS ACTION**

**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**



The Secretary General of IRCS is regularly monitoring the situation by holding daily review meetings of disaster

management department and is in constant touch with IRCS West Bengal State Branch' Chairman and Secretary.

The National Headquarters has, so far,

**STATE BRANCHES**

The IRCS West Bengal State branch activated its emergency operations centre (EOC), is closely



monitoring the situation and providing updates to the National Headquarters.

The West Bengal State branch conducted medical camps for the victims of the cyclone

released relief items worth Rs. 57.68 lakhs (US\$ 1,18,683) to IRCS West Bengal State branch and provided cash assistance amounting to Rs. 2,50,000 to cover logistic support.

Post the third IRCS update on Cyclone AILA, the NHQ released mosquito nets (5000 pcs), tarpaulin (2000pcs), sarees (4000pcs), dhotis (4000pcs) and children garments (200) valued at Rs. 28.18 lakhs (US\$ 57,983)

### Other Relief Activities



On the request of IRCS Tripura State branch, the NHQ released relief items like sarees (500), dhotis

(500), bed sheets (500), towels (500), cotton blankets (500), mosquito nets (500), kitchen sets (500) and plastic buckets (500) valued at Rs. 5.67 lakhs. As a preparedness measure the branch had requested for relief items to replenish its stocks.

On the request of IRCS Orissa State branch, the NHQ released 1000 pcs of tarpaulin, as an early relief measure, for the displaced victims of Kandhamal.

in villages under Basanti and Gosaba Block.

The State branch carried out relief distribution at Shitalia and Hatgacha villages in Sandeshkali II block in North 24 Parganas where around thousand beneficiaries received tarpauline, dhotis, sarees and children garments. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, another relief distribution was carried out in the Khulna village in the same block where the cyclone-affected victims received tarpauline, sarees and mosquito nets. A water treatment unit has also been installed there. A medical team comprising of doctors, pharmacist and health coordinator has been deployed to conduct a camp for the local patients.

### DISTRICT BRANCHES

#### South 24 Parganas

Post the third IRCS update on Cyclone AILA the District branch during the period organized medical camps at Basanti and Patharpratima block. The medical doctors held the camps, treated patients and provided medicines.

The District branch also carried out relief distribution at Boatkhali and Sumatinagar of Kakdwip Block and Paschim Dwarikanathpur of Patharpratima block and distributed tarpauline, kitchen sets, sarees, dhoti, children garments and lungis to about 800 victims.

The district branch would be conducting relief distribution at Khaikhali, Kutali block and at Bankimmaityr Ghat of Patharprotima block.

**Working in Partnerships:** The National Headquarters of the Indian Red Cross Society is coordinating and sharing information with the communication and disaster management unit of International Federation, India office, International Committee of the Red Cross and the Partner National Societies in New Delhi.

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division), India Meteorological Department & IRCS State branches and National headquarters Disaster management team.**