



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

**FLOOD SITUATION WEEKLY UPDATE**

**SOUTH WEST MONSOON - 2008**

<b>UPDATE 4</b>		<b>DATE: July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008</b>	
<b><u>SITUATION</u></b>			
<p>The total economic loss due to incessant rains and flash floods in the country has crossed Rs. 46427.94 (in lakh). So far 2, 42,408 houses have been demolished and crop area of 2, 31,990 has been damaged. Loss of 9216 livestock in 3474 villages of 22 districts is also reported. The total death toll reads to 413.</p> <p>In the last 24 hours heavy to very heavy rainfall has been reported in a few parts of Northeastern States, Bihar, Karnataka, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and fairly widespread rainfall is expected over the Gangetic plains, Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep.</p> <p>According to Central Water Commission, river Ghaghra in Uttar Pradesh and river Bhramputra in Assam are flowing above the danger level.</p>			
<b>RED CROSS ACTION</b>			
<b>NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS</b>		<b>STATE BRANCHES</b>	
<p><i>Post Graduate Diploma Course in Disaster Preparedness and Rehabilitation, Certificate Distribution Function of 2006-07 batch</i></p> <p>Indian Red Cross awarded certificates to 27 students of the first batch of the Post Graduate Diploma Course in Disaster Preparedness and Rehabilitation on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Disaster Management Centre, NHQ. Mr. Naresh Dayal, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India was the Chief Guest for the occasion. He congratulated IRCS for initiating the course in disaster management and stressed the need to focus more on disaster preparedness and mitigation. He envisaged bigger cooperation with Red Cross for the trauma care program on national highways, which is finally being launched by the Government. The event was joined by Prof K.K. Agarwal, Vice Chancellor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University and dignitaries from the Red Cross Movement, ICMR, Delhi Fire Service and others.</p> <p>“With the support of the Canadian Red Cross the NHQ at DMC is setting up its Emergency Operations Centre for managing disasters in the country which will be operational in a few months”, says Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Agarwal, Secretary General, IRCS during the Diploma Award Ceremony at the NHQ.</p>		<p><b>ASSAM</b></p> <p>The Honorary Secretary of the branch informed that the three Districts namely Lakhimpur, Sumitpur and Majuli are currently badly affected by floods. She also informed that there were flash floods in Karbi Anglong which is affected by internal strife as well. She herself visited the District with ICRC acting HOD, assessed the needs and distributed relief items on 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> July. Local branches in Lakhimpur and Sumitpur have collected relief items and have been distributing them through 30 volunteers.</p> <p>At Majuli the Governor of Assam, who is also the President of the Assam State Branch is distributing relief items today. He is assisted by a four member team from the State branch and 40 local volunteers.</p> <p><b>BIHAR</b></p> <p>SDRT team is making an assessment of flood situation of Patna city, which is almost under water. The reports are expected in a couple of days. In the preliminary assessment the members have identified slum areas where needs of the people have to be assessed and assistance provided.</p>	

National Headquarters of IRCS is in touch with the flood affected States and is closely monitoring the situation.

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## **UTTAR PRADESH**

The Districts of Hamirpur, Etawah, Pilibhit, Pratapgarh, Lucknow and Baharaich have been badly affected due to floods. The State branch has distributed items like salwar kameez (390), bed sheet (1184), towel (1058), woollen blanket (550), frock (25), blouse (10), rajai (20), sari (1727), dhoti (1750), kitchen sets (1180), feeding cup (100), plastic roll (76) first-aid box (13), cotton blankets (12) and assorted used clothes (300) to the affected population. Pilibhit district branch has been paid Rs. 2:00 lakhs for undertaking relief work.

### **Working in Partnerships**

The National Headquarters of 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. The South Asia Regional Federation Delegation has come out with an Information Bulletin on the floods in South Asia highlighting the preparedness and response measures of each country (including India) in the region and is available on the given link <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/rpts08/SAf116070801.pdf>

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION: National Disaster Management , India & IRCS State branches and National headquarters Disaster management team.**