

## Flood Updates 24.9.2008, 12 P.M Bhubaneswar

### OVERALL SITUATION



Even though the State Government has regulated the release of water from Hirakud reservoir, the gushing water from breaches on Mahanadi delta engulfed fresh areas on Tuesday. Kendrapara continues to be the worst affected. People are still living on the roofs of houses in a number of flood-hit areas of Banki, Jagatsingpur, Athagarh and Pipili

### FLOOD HIGHLIGHTS

- The floods have affected **37.5** lakh people in 18 districts and claimed **35** lives. Though the water levels in the Mahanadi and other rivers have receded considerably, but waters from about **90** breaches in the embankments continued to spread to fresh areas worsening the plight of the people in the flood-ravaged villages. Though the waters had receded in several places, more than 100,000 people were still marooned and the government admitted that the rescue team could not reach the victims due to the ravaged communication system.
- In Kendrapara only as **368** densely populated villages under **78** gram panchayats in Kendrapada, Derabish, Mahakalapada, Garadpur blocks have been hit by the deluge
- According to a preliminary government estimate, the losses from the floods would be more than Rs 24 billion.
- 4 lakh hectares of crop damaged in flood
- Centre urged to declare Orissa flood as national calamity
- Puri, Konark still cut off; death toll reaches 41(While maximum nine people died in Cuttack district, four deaths occurred in Jajpur, three each in Angul, Bhadrak, Balangir and Puri districts and two deaths each in Khurda and Jagatsinghpur)



- In Nuagaon village in the coastal district of Jagatsinghpur, for instance, clashes between two groups led to at least nine people being hurt,



**An old man finding his way in the flood waters at Bentkar Bazar of Bayalish Mouza in Cuttack**

current flood

including a policeman.

Similar clashes broke out in the worst hit districts of Kendrapada and Puri, officials said.

- Over 14, 73, 353 animals and 1, 98, 987 poultry birds have been affected in the

## PRESENT PREDICAMENT

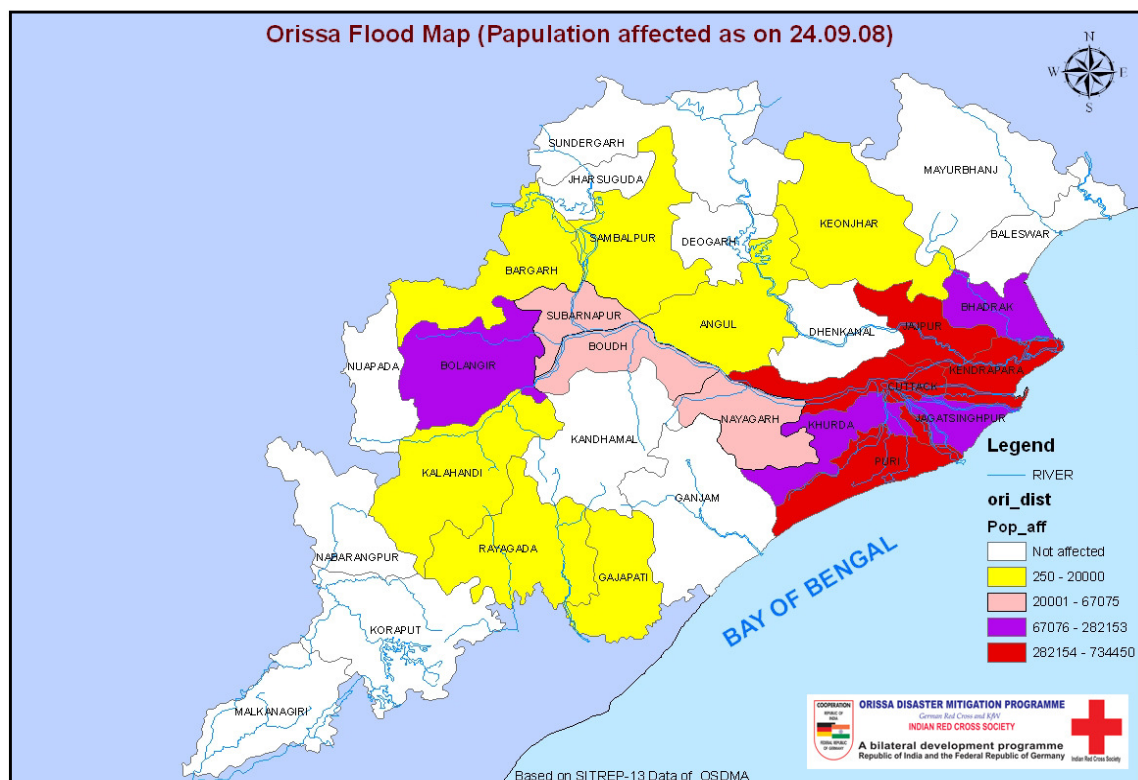
- 283 PWD road and 13 NH roads were damaged and 939 breaches had occurred in roads in the most affected districts
- The cost of repair will be around Rs 175 crore
- Relief measures hit by breach in embankment in Kendrapara
- The relief carrying trucks are now stranded with hardly any boats in sight to ferry the relief material to thousands of marooned people living on roof-tops, reports said
- **HEAVY RAIN LIKELY TO OCCURE AT ISOLATED PLACES OVER ORISSA DURING NEXT 48 HRS; according to IMD, Bhubaneswar**

## GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

- 410 medical relief centers with 150 mobile health teams
- 10 doctors of the SCB Medical College have been employed in Cuttack and 20 doctors in Kendrapada
- 1,429 boats have been pressed into service and 3,05,993 persons have been evacuated to safer places. The Navy and Central paramilitary forces in the relief works have been deployed
- Govt. directed all the District Collectors to organize coordination meetings and involve NGOs in organizing free kitchens in different flood affected areas
- Four IAF choppers air-dropped relief material in the worst-affected Kendrapada, Cuttack and Jagatsinghpur districts

- The state government also urged the Centre to provide 10,000 mt of kerosene for distribution among the victims
- Flood relief operation have been extended to 15 more days
- 35,000 ORS packets and 655,000 halogen tablets were distributed and about 2,000 wells were purified
- Information regarding health and education are being aired through Akashvani, Doordarshan
- Steps have been taken to distribute posters and leaflets to create awareness regarding primary health, they informed
- The fisheries and animal resources development department has set up 24-hour control rooms in the offices of Chief District Veterinary Officers (CDVOs) in all affected districts along with another control room in the Directorate of Animal Husbandry
- Over 600 tonnes of cattle feeds to the flood-hit districts
- Two mobile teams, each consisting of one veterinary doctor, two livestock inspectors and one attendant have been deployed in each affected block for the treatment of animals
- Besides, eight special technical teams have also been pressed into services in the worst- affected districts to guide the mobile teams

## STATEWIDE SITUATION AS ON 24<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2008



- No of Districts affected: 18
- No of Blocks affected: 120
- No of GP affected: 1445
- No. of Village affected : 5321
- No. of population affected : **3806931**
- Human Casualty: 34
- Breaches in river embankments: 90 (in Puri, Jagatsighpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack and Khurda)

## DISTRICT WISE SITUATION

Area affected - 24/09/08 (OSDMA Report)							
Sl.no	District	Block	G.P	Village	Population	Casualty	Crop Affected (hector)
1	Angul	3	15	62	14000	3	0
2	Baragargh	12	248	583	175000		11000
3	Bhadrak	4	47	209	252991	3	30000
4	Bolangir	14	185	598	162735	3	18594
5	Boudh	3	29	110	67075	0	9175
6	Cuttack	14	190	679	734450	10	80190
7	Gajapati	1	2	2	350	0	0
8	Jagatsighpur	8	61	188	147427	2	30820
9	Jajpur	8	116	453	500028	4	51545
10	Kalahandi	13	218	781	20000	0	19950
11	Kendrapara	9	130	514	658439	4	97287
12	Keonjhar	1	1	2	900	1	0
13	Kordha	8	34	121	282153	2	22100
14	Nayagarh	3	18	99	40000	0	5486
15	Puri	9	101	676	693024	1	46514
16	Rayagada	1	250		250		0
17	Sambalpur	3			2109	1	
18	Sonpur	6	48	244	56000		15000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1445</b>	<b>5321</b>	<b>3806931</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>437661</b>

For more details please refer [www.osdma.org](http://www.osdma.org)

## CURRENT NEED

- Dry /cooked food
- Cloths
- Tarpaulin/ tents (informed by SRC)
- Drinking water: Facilitation of distribution of halogen tabs
- Volunteer support to PHCs for distribution of halogen tablets and ORS packets (informed by Health Secretary)

## IAG INTERVENTION

Inter Agency Group (IAG) is a network of international humanitarian organizations that respond to emergent situations like disasters and work in close collaboration with the governments to streamline the process of relief and rehabilitation. In Orissa the group includes organizations like

Indian Red Cross Society	Save the Children
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	UNFPA
Caritas India	UNICEF
Action Aid	Water Aid India
Care India	TROCAIRE
Lutheran World Service	World Vision
Church Auxiliary for Social Action	Oxfam GB
Concern World Wide	EFFICOR
United Nations Development Programme	Helpage India
SEEDS India	

IAG Orissa has set up a 24-hour control room at its Disaster Management Unit to facilitate the co-ordination process.

- Regular coordination meeting among the partners
- Sharing of updated Situation Report among all the partners on a daily basis
- Coordination among the flood assessment teams

*[\(Report on the Minutes of the Meeting organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> of Sept is annexed\)](#)*

## SOURCE AND CONTACT DETAIL

### Source

- OSDMA FLOOD UPDATES 24.09.2008, 11 AM
- News updates from electronic media
- Local Oriya and English Newspapers, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008
- Indian Meteorological Department Update
- UNDP DPOs placed in various districts

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**Annexure****Minutes of the IAG Meeting held on 23.09.2008****Venue: DPTC, Red Cross Bhawan, Bhubaneswar**

In the aftermath of severe flooding situation, the members of IAG met today to chalk out a plan of action to reach out to the victims spread across several districts of the State. Although most of the partners were not present in the meeting, the meeting came out with a concrete plan of action.

It was informed that Care India has already started their evaluation in their operational districts of Bolangir, Kalahandi and Boudh. It would start their evaluation in other operational areas of Kendrapara, Puri and Cuttack districts.

It was informed that IRCS-OSB has requested for clothes, polythene and tent

The members finally chalked out the assessment plan as follows:

Name of the District	Name of the Bldok	Organisation responsible for	Scheduled Date of Assessment	Scheduled date of submission of Report
Puri	Nimapada, Pipili, Gop	Concern and Care		26 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Puri	Bramhagiri	IRCS		
Cuttack	Banki, Nischintakoili	Concern	25 <sup>th</sup> of Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Kendrapara	Mahakalpara	IRCS	24 <sup>th</sup> of Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> of Sept
Kendrapara	Rajnagar	IRCS	25 <sup>th</sup> of Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> of Sept
Kendrapara	Kendrapara	SCF	23 <sup>rd</sup> of Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> of Sept
Jagatsinghpur	Biridi	CRS	26 <sup>th</sup> of Sept	

The next IAG meeting is scheduled on 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept 2008