



UPDATE 6

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SITUATION

According to All India Radio news, floodwater has started receding from many villages in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh. However, more than a thousand villages are still water logged. Reports of infectious diseases are reported from many areas. In Mirzapur District 24 people have died due to cholera and other water borne diseases. More than 30 people are admitted in different hospitals. In Farrukhabad District 4 children have died due to diarrhoea. Cases of encephalitis/brain fever are also reported. Mobile medical units are deployed in the affected areas.

So far 75,52,119 population have been affected in 7330 villages of 56 Districts across the country. The death toll reads 938 and the total economic loss is to the tune of Rs. 63933.56 (lakhs)

According to India Meteorological Department heavy to very heavy rainfall has been reported in some parts of Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat in the last 24 hrs.

According to Central Water Commission river Barak, Katakhal, Sonai, Madhura, Rukini and Kushiara are still flowing above the danger level in Assam.

RED CROSS ACTION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

A meeting was convened on August 6th 2008 at the National Headquarters to review the IRCS flood operations till date. Representatives from the IFRC, ICRC and Partner National Societies working in India attended the meeting.



Prof. (Dr) S.P. Agarwal, Secretary General, IRCS informed that nine Water & Sanitation Units are ready for installation and video-conferencing system

has been operationalized in the disaster prone States and six regional warehouses.

He further stated that the need of the hour is to support Uttar Pradesh as it's badly affected and it is also not in the list of eleven disaster prone States where disaster management programme is being run. He also informed that an Emergency Operations Centre is being

STATE BRANCHES

Assam



Red Cross members and volunteers, community health workers, first aiders continue to work in coordination with the district authorities. Health check-up camps are being organized in

the affected areas to cope up with the health related problems. Free medicine distribution camps are also organized in cooperation with concerned health departments.

Bihar

The district Red Cross branch at Nalanda distributed 400 tarpaulin sheets amongst the flood-affected people of 14 blocks. Two health units have also been deployed.

<p>set up in Bihar.</p> <p>A presentation was made on the occasion that represented the flood situation in the country and vividly covered IRCS response in the affected areas.</p> <p>The National Headquarters is assessing the needs of the people and is in touch with affected States.</p>	<p>Five health camps have been organized in three flood-affected blocks of Arariya District by the District Red Cross branch. Medicines are being distributed free of cost to the needy.</p> <p>Andhra Pradesh</p> <p>The Andhra Pradesh State branch has informed that the Adilabad District branch will be distributing relief items like cotton blankets, dhotis, lungis, sarees, bed sheets and towels tomorrow.</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>SOURCE OF INFORMATION: AIR News, National Disaster Management , India & IRCS State branches and National headquarters Disaster management team.</p>	