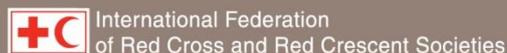


www.ifrc.org  
Saving lives,  
changing minds.

## Information bulletin

# India: Floods North East States



<b>Glide n°</b> <a href="#">FL-2017-000064-IND</a>	<b>Date of issue:</b> 14 July 2017
<b>Date of disaster</b> Emerging	<b>Point of contact:</b> Dr. Veer Bhushan, Acting Secretary General
<b>Host National Society:</b> Indian Red Cross Society	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 1.7 M	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> TBD
<b>Categorization of disaster</b> <sup>1</sup> : Yellow <sup>2</sup>	

This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is assessing the evolving situation for a potential DREF request or Emergency Appeal depending on the evolution of the current monsoon rainfalls and its impacts during the next days.

## The situation

Severe monsoon rains have occurred since the beginning of the monsoon season. From the beginning of July, heavy rains and floods were reported across the north-east part of India, especially in Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh states.

The flood situation has taken a critical turn in Assam State. On 12 July, officials of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said that a total of over 1.7 million people in 24 districts have been affected to a certain degree and the number of deaths have been reported as 44 in this state alone. The Brahmaputra River and its tributaries have submerged more than 2,500 villages, destroyed 100,000 hectares of cropland, damaged infrastructure by breaching embankments and overrunning roads and bridges – disrupting surface communication. Nearly 75 per cent of Kaziranga National Park, a world heritage site, has been inundated.

A total of 294 relief camps housing over 31,000 people have been opened in the state. More than 2,000 people have been rescued as teams carry out relief and rescue work.

**Arunachal Pradesh State**, including state capital Itanagar, has been cut off by floods and landslides. The state capital's lifeline – the National Highway #415 – has been totally eroded at the entry point, while the alternative road via Jullang remained blocked, leaving only one road – through Hollongi enroute Lakhimpur District in Assam State. On 11 July, five persons had been reported dead and nine went missing as a massive landslide triggered by incessant rains hit eight dwellings in Papum Pare District. The Chief Minister, Pema Khandu, has directed the administration to issue orders for rescue and evacuation of people living in vulnerable areas of Itanagar (capital city) to safer areas and appealed to people in such places to shift to relief camps.

All districts of **Manipur State** were have been affected by the rains and floods. More than 20 per cent of its total paddy fields in five districts of the Imphal Valley have been affected by the severe floods. The central government has dispatched a team led by the Union Minister Kiren Rijiju to oversee rescue and relief operations in affected areas in the entire region.

<sup>1</sup> Based on the IFRC Secretariat's Operational Response Framework. This categorization implies that the response intervention is within the capacity of the National Society of an affected country to manage with resources available in-country. If requested, the IFRC Country Office may provide any necessary technical or management support to the National Society, and if required, the IFRC Regional Office may support the mobilization of regional disaster response tools, with Geneva supporting the allocation of Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF).

<sup>2</sup> Due to high population of India, authorities responses and capacities, the lack of clarity severely affected and local authorities not requesting international assistance, this disaster can still be classified as yellow using the proportionality criteria.

The above are few details gathered from various sources that indicates increasing flood situation in the north-east part of the country. More details are currently being collected through the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) state branches and volunteers wherever possible.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) activated its response mechanism and two teams comprising of National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) members are being constituted to conduct post disaster needs assessment in Manipur and Assam states. The situation in Arunachal Pradesh State is currently developing and IRCS is monitoring the situation. Currently, access to the affected areas is cut off affecting assessments and any relief efforts in all the three states.

Social and Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV) who are the backbone for IRCS disaster management system at the community level are currently assisting the district administrations in search and rescue efforts, first aid and relief coordination. State branches are coordinating with respective disaster management authorities at state and district level to understand needs of the affected people.



IRCS providing relief distributions in Assam state.  
(Photo: Indian Red Cross Society)

IRCS district branches have been requested to send their rapid assessment reports.

IRCS is setting up a national appeal on their website, which should be posted soon.

The IFRC has been monitoring the flood situation in various parts of the country and coordinating with IRCS national headquarters Disaster Management (DM) focal persons to identify the needs and provide technical support wherever needed. As the current response is requiring significant human, financial and materials resources from the National Society, discussions are in progress to define a probable

DREF request, based on the recommendations from the assessment team. The potential DREF will be drafted based on the assessment findings in the coming days, as the situation will become clearer on the needs, gaps, scope of support to be provided.

## Contact information

**For further information specifically related to this operation please contact:**

### Indian Red Cross Society:

- Dr. Veer Bhushan, Acting Secretary General; phone: +91 11 2371 6441; e-mail: [joint.secretaryircsnhq@gmail.com](mailto:joint.secretaryircsnhq@gmail.com)

### IFRC CCST New Delhi:

- Leon Prop, head of CCST, Delhi; phone +91 11 233 24203; email: [leon.prop@ifrc.org](mailto:leon.prop@ifrc.org)
- Vijay Kumar Ummidi, Senior Officer, Operations phone: +91 8800 266 280; email: [vijaykumar.ummidi@ifrc.org](mailto:vijaykumar.ummidi@ifrc.org)

### IFRC Asia Pacific regional office:

- Martin Faller, deputy director: [martin.faller@ifrc.org](mailto:martin.faller@ifrc.org)
- Mathieu Léonard, operations coordinator; mobile: +6019 620 0357; email: [mathieu.leonard@ifrc.org](mailto:mathieu.leonard@ifrc.org)
- Melissa Winkler, communications manager; direct: +603 9207 5705 |; email: [melissa.winkler@ifrc.org](mailto:melissa.winkler@ifrc.org)
- Kit Roche, Acting PMER Manager, [kit.roche@ifrc.org](mailto:kit.roche@ifrc.org)

**For queries on resource mobilization and pledges:**

- Please send all pledges for funding to [zonerm.asiapacific@ifrc.org](mailto:zonerm.asiapacific@ifrc.org)

## How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

---

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



**Save lives,**  
protect livelihoods,  
and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace.**

---