



## INDIA:FLOODS

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### In Brief

This DREF Bulletin is being issued based on the situation described below reflecting the information available at this time. CHF 100,000 was allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to respond to the needs in this operation, targeting 10,000 beneficiaries (equivalent to 2000 families) in four states. This operation is expected to be implemented over 3 months, and will be completed by November 2006; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 28 February 2007). Development of this operation is reported in this update with detailed information and plan distribution as outlined below.



A mother and daughter stranded in flood waters in Gujarat

This bulletin is an update on the DREF actions as well as other efforts carried out by the IRCS national and state level from existing resources. Further updates will follow. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

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### Background and current situation

The flood situation in India is slowly returning to normal, but still there are a few interior areas in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh which are water logged or inundated. Below is a detailed analysis, taken from the report of UNDP India.

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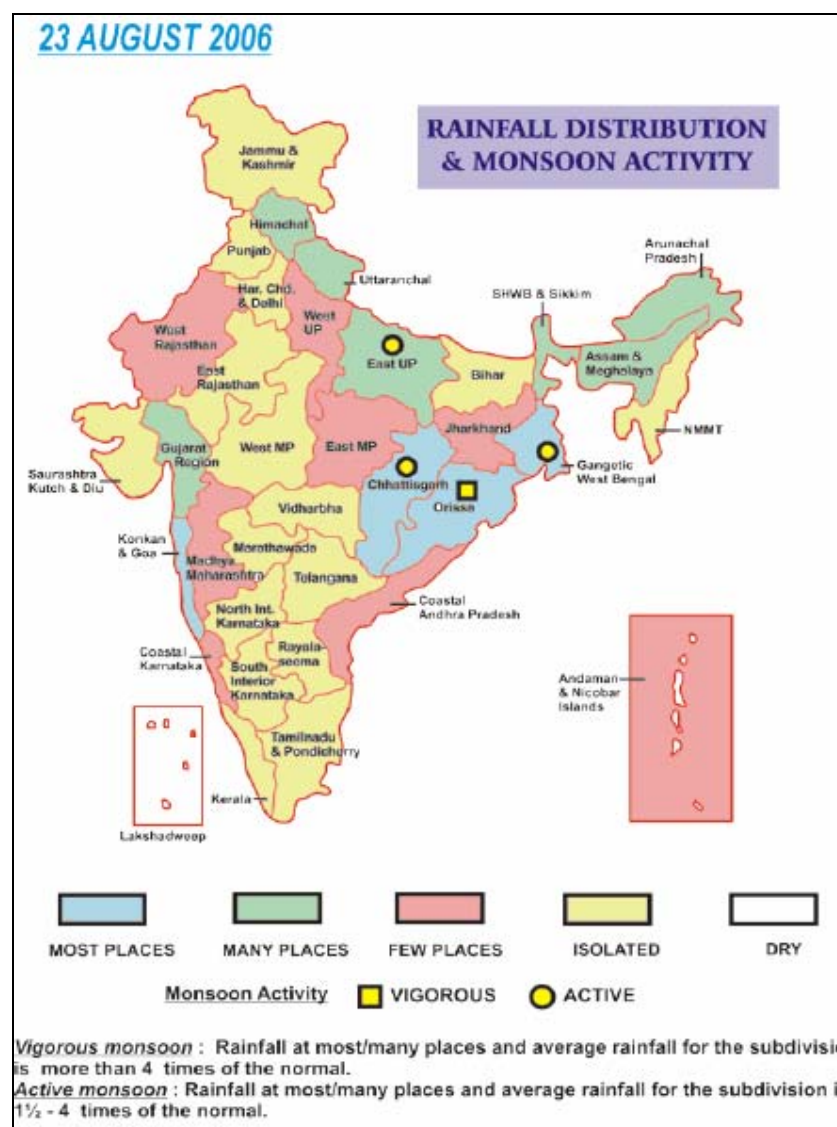
According to the report, the southwest monsoon has been active over India covering a) eastern India – Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram & Tripura except Bihar, Jharkhand & Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim and b) Central India -Vidarbha and over south Gujarat, Rajasthan and Madhya Maharashtra of West India c) sub-divisions of Konkan & Goa, Coastal Karnataka and southeast Peninsula region including the states of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh.

### Cumulative Seasonal Rainfall Record for the period 1st June to 18th August, 2006

Rainfall was in excess of normal in 22 out of 36 meteorological sub-divisions (actual: 592.9 mm, normal: 602.1 mm and departure from normal: -2%), and deficient in 14

Districts monitored	Excess	Normal	Deficient	Scanty	No rainfall	Departure from normal	Total
479	122	164	196	27	0	24	533
Received rainfall	24%	32%	39%	5%	0%	0%	0%

The map below indicates monsoon activity in the past months (Source: UNDP)



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The UNDP report also provides an overview of the flood situation up to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2006

	Population affected (million) <sup>1</sup>	cropped area affected (Ha)	Houses		Deaths <sup>2</sup>
			Fully	Partially	
Andhra Pradesh	876,670	14430	45,961	83,866	137
Maharashtra	1,138,775	-	-	-	485
Gujarat	14,540,544	-	300	52,603	145
Assam*	606,285	75,000	93	2274	
Chhattisgarh*	3100	-	-	-	
Orissa*:	13890	1520	-	-	
Karnataka*	65	2610	86	832	102

\*States affected in Last week of July 2006

<sup>1</sup> Cumulative figure since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006

### Rescue and Relief Operation reported till 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August

	Persons Evacuated (Million) in 24 hrs	Relief Camps	Person accommodated in relief camps used	Medical teams	Boats
Gujarat	83,384	169	177,281	1,454	203
Maharashtra	463,945	767	331,796 families	NA	72
Andhra Pradesh	852,567	425	472,000		11
Karnataka*	21017+250	2	509 families		47
Assam*	104	73	27985		
Orissa*	13369	52	10536		

- States affected in Last week of July 2006

Source: The Provisional figures based on the cumulative records since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006

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- Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
- Central Water Commission (CWC)

### Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The IRCS national headquarters has been active since the floods began, and there has been a regular flow of information internally and externally. The society has been updating its website regularly to feature the latest situation reports and the IRCS response in the affected states. In addition, the national headquarters has released a host of relief material on the request of the state branches.

The IRCS national headquarters, with support from the Federation, commissioned an assessment of the situation in Andhra Pradesh on the request of the state branch, and a report has been submitted to IRCS headquarters.

The IRCS national headquarters made an operational plan to release relief supplies as outlined in the table below. These relief supplies are all covered under DREF funds, with the exception of those made available in Bihar. These funds were mobilised on 15 August and subsequently the IRCS national headquarters started releasing the supplies to the state branches for distribution. These funds will primarily be used for the following:

1. Dry rations of rice, pulses, wheat flour and tea leaves
2. Basic over-the-counter medications and water purification products
3. Replenishment of about 2,000 non-food family packs distributed during the emergency
4. Operational cost for implementing this plan, including mobilisation of water and sanitation units

The table below outlines the items of non-food family packs that have been distributed and the financial support of CHF 5,555/- which will cover dry rations and basic medicines. As can be seen below, the total number of non-food family pack items are much greater in number than the 2000 supported by the CHF 100,000 made available from DREF. The remaining items will be covered by the IRCS national headquarters own resources. The 2000 non-food family packs which will be bought with the DREF funds will be complete kits comprising kitchen utensils, women's and men's clothing, cotton towels, bedsheets, blankets, buckets, plastic sheets, mosquito nets. The specific items distributed differed in some states, based on the needs identified by the state branches.

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With regard to budget, number of beneficiaries and affected states, please refer to the earlier DREF bulletin MDRIN001 ([http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?06/MDRIN001.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRIN001.pdf)).

Relief items (in the family packs)	Quantity	Remarks
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>		
Bedsheets	1000	Financial assistance of CHF 5,555/- is allocated for purchasing dry rations, basic medicines and purchasing of bleaching powder and chlorine tablets for water purification.
Men's clothing	1000	
Women's clothing	1000	
Kitchen sets	1000	
Towels	1000	
<b>Gujarat</b>		
Kitchen sets	2000	Financial assistance of CHF 5,555/- also made available for purchasing dry rations and basic medicines.
Women's clothing	2000	
Cotton blankets	2780	
Woollen blankets	2000	
Tarpaulin	3000	
Assorted clothes	2500	
<b>Chattisgarh</b>		
Kitchen sets	1500	
Women's clothing	1500	
Cotton blankets	1500	
Men's clothing	1500	
Buckets	1500	
Towels	1500	
<b>Maharastra</b>		
Complete Non-food family packs	500	The packs include: Kitchen utensils, Women's clothing, Men's clothing, Cotton towels, Cotton Bedsheets, Blankets, Buckets, Plastic sheets, Mosquito nets
<b>Bihar</b>		
Men's clothing	2500	These items were despatched as disaster preparedness stock, as a contingency measure not covered under DREF.
Women's clothing	2500	
Kitchen sets	2500	
Bedsheets	2500	
Cotton towels	2500	
Cotton blankets	2500	

## Other activities not funded by DREF

In addition to the work carried out by the IRCS national headquarters, the state branches have been exceptionally active in mobilising resources for the affected population. This demonstrates the impact of our capacity building programmes in these states under health, disaster management and organisation development. The ratio of the state response is much higher than that of the national headquarters, moving towards an ideal situation where state branches play an active role and the national headquarters fills in the gaps.

## Andhra Pradesh

Below is the summary of relief supplies distributed by the Andhra Pradesh state branch to its district branches:

Adilabad	Nizamabad	Srikakulam	Hyderabad	Khamam	East Godavari
Blankets 250	Blankets 250	Bedsheets 200	Kitchen sets 36	Mosquito nets 200	Mosquito nets 200
Men's clothing 250	Men's clothing 250	Tarpaulin sheets 100	T-shirts 20	Blankets 200	Blankets 350 (West Godavari 500 blankets)
Women's clothing 250	Women's clothing 250	Children's clothing 200 sets	Bed sheets 36	Bedsheets 150	Bedsheets 150
Tarpaulin sheets 100	Tarpaulin sheets 100	Batteries 100	Men's clothing 50	Men clothing 200	Men's clothing 350
		Torch lights 50	Women's clothing 50	Women clothing 200	Women's clothing 350
		Mosquito nets 200		Assorted clothes	Tarpaulin sheets 300
		Assorted clothes		Medicines 2 cartons	
				Tarpaulin sheets 300	

## Gujarat

As the situation improved in north and central Gujarat, the relief operations gathered momentum. In Surat district the state branch hired three boats which were used for rescue, to transport 18 sick patients, and 15 dead bodies.

The state branch has distributed 125,000 food packets and 150,000 water pouches. Apart from this, six medical camps were organized in various parts of the city where patients were treated for minor ailments and injuries. These camps were used as platforms to disseminate information to the community about waterborne diseases and the necessary precautions to be taken. Three ambulances were used for the relief operation. On an average 150-200 patients were treated in each of these camps. About 20,000 chlorine tablets have been distributed among the affected population. On the request from the state government the IRCS was involved in the collection and cremation of unclaimed bodies. This activity highlights the IRCS acting on the fundamental principle of impartiality. Despite the considerable social taboos surrounding the cremation of bodies from different castes, this did not influence the IRCS action in this regard, bringing a measure of human dignity to those who had lost their lives.



**Relief items being distributed to people affected by flooding in Gujarat**

One of the three water and sanitation (wastan) units allocated to the Gujarat state branch began operating in the suburban Surat district. Two more units will soon be functional in other areas as requested by the community.

The disaster management administrator from IRCS national headquarters and one coordinator from Kolkata regional warehouse were sent to Gujarat to monitor the watsan units.

The Gujarat state branch has also mobilised relief and medical supplies to the affected areas. In total 1300 family kits (which included kitchen sets, towels, ladies clothing, bed sheets and clothes) were distributed in the nine districts of Khambat, Anand, Baroda, Valsad, Ghatak, Navsari, Radhanpur, Anlanpur and Palanpur.

## Chattisgarh

The state branch worked in the conflict affected tribal districts of Dantewada and Bastar. All the relief material distributed among the affected people described below were mobilized from local resources, in addition to further relief items provided by IRCS HQ, also outlined in the table above.

In Bastar 1600 people were affected and 1000 houses were damaged during the floods. The local Red Cross provided relief materials to the affected population, which included kitchen sets, tarpaulin sheets, clothes, utensils, food grains and essential live saving medicines.. The worst affected villages were Rajpur, Amalpala and Paurbhar

In Rajnandgaon district ,200 people were affected and were given clothes, tarpaulin sheets and food packets, in coordination with Rotary and a few other local agencies.

In Dantewada, 4969 families in 236 villages were affected and the local branch has provided clothes, utensils and rice to about 1000 families.

## Maharashtra

The Maharashtra state branch allocated family kits for distribution in response to the floods, as shown below in the table:

District	Family kits (non-food)
Jalgaon	3000
Wahim	500
Yavatmal	600
Solapur	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>4600</b>

The Maharashtra state branch also provided CHF 1,909 to the Yavatmal, Solapur and Kolhapur districts to purchase basic medicines and hygiene items. The Yavatmal and Solapur districts received a further CHF 1,979 from the state branch to distribute food grains in the affected areas

The Solapur district branch also distributed food grain packets to about 750 families in Pandurpur and Akalkot areas from its local resources.

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