

## ***INDIA : ORISSA CYCLONE***

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*The major portion of the operation is either completed or will be by 31 December, 2000, achieving the intended goal of building four schools-cum-cyclone shelters and about 180-190 low cost core houses. However, some remaining works need to be undertaken, and due to difficult road conditions which are causing logistics delays the operation will be extended until 31 March 2001 to complete the full range of planned activities.*

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### ***The context***

A violent cyclone hit India's eastern coast on Friday, 29 October 1999. Winds of up to 260 kph (155 mph) raged for over 36 hours causing a 7 meter tidal wave that swept more than 20 km inland, destroying a number of coastal districts in the state of Orissa and resulting in many deaths.

It is estimated that more than 10 million people in 12 coastal belt districts were affected by the cyclone. More than 10,000 people lost their lives.

The Indian Red Cross responded immediately with an emergency relief operation. With the support of the International Federation, the Orissa State Branch extended the emergency relief action into three-month relief operation and later into a six-month rehabilitation program. The sheer magnitude of the rehabilitation program in addition to the difficult environment (particularly the incessant monsoon rain and the acute shortage of masons) has resulted in delays in implementation, and necessitated a further extended of the operation until 31 March 2001.

### ***Latest events***

The focus has turned to drought hit areas of India, decreasing the attention on cyclone affected areas and rehabilitation activities. Fishermen from the coastal belt affected by the drought have started receiving compensations from the government.

Several political parties have urged the State government to prepare a concrete drought mitigation action plan to ensure proper utilization of grants approved to tackle the drought in various districts in Orissa. They have emphasized that both short and long-term action plans should be prepared to provide food, drinking water and employment opportunities to drought hit people on a priority basis, as well as to take measures to sink adequate number of tube wells in the most affected districts.

## ***Red Cross action***

### **Rehabilitation •**

The implementation time-frame for the rehabilitation phase of the operation has been officially extended until 31 March 2000.

Activities planned for the month of November started with high hopes for progress, but road conditions failed to improve despite Government plans to undertake repairs of the most damaged roads in the coastal belt. This is causing serious logistics delays in transporting materials. Despite the constraints encountered, progress has been achieved in the rehabilitation program (see previous situation reports). In addition, the following activities have recently been completed or are now underway:

### ***Renovation/reconstruction of Red Cross Dispensaries***

The dispensary at Panchutikiri in Bhadrak district is finished. The final works related to electric and water supply were completed at the end of November. The official hand-over of the dispensary is planned for 15 December.

The finishing works on Asan dispensary in Puri district are progressing well. The construction agency has promised to make a hand-over of the completed dispensary building to Orissa State Branch by 15 December.

### ***Building materials for cyclone resistant housing / Low cost Housing***

Of the three agencies engaged in the work, "AWARE" has been particularly effective at mobilizing workers (masons) and materials. They now have 54 houses under various stages of completion, out of which 13 are completed.

"Vikash" has started mobilizing workers and material and ten houses have already been constructed. Further progress is expected during the month of December.

"Building Centre Jahatsinghpur", with total of sixty houses under various stages of completion has managed to complete 25 houses. Transportation of materials continues though, due to bad road conditions these, are unloaded at a way side point for transfer by tractors to the target village.

### ***Reconstruction of schools***

In addition to "Saraswati" school in Puri district, one more school in Kendrapara district has also been completed and the keys handed over to the school authorities.

The three school-cum-cyclone shelters are nearing completion with plans to inaugurate them in the second week of December.

One school, "Patkumari ME" in Kendrapara District, will be completed in the third week of December.

Four other schools are in various stages of construction. There have been repeated meetings with the construction agency in order to solve outstanding issues. In a recent meeting the Managing Director of

the consulting agency, which is a premier Government of Orissa undertaking, has provided assurances that work will be completed by 31 December 2000. The progress is being closely monitored.

### ***Credit-Saving Schemes***

As reported in the last situation report all fifty six accounts for self-help groups have been opened, and during the month of November funds for all self-help groups have been released. To increase the sharing of information and experiences, exchange visits have been organized, with thirty women most recently visiting one of the project areas to visit local women groups and have discussions.

### **Other Red Cross activities •**

Disaster Management Training continues to take place as a regular training activity of the Orissa State Branch. During the month of November a total of 165 people underwent training in the Red Cross training centre in Bhubaneswar.

A workshop for members of the new Disaster Preparedness Committee members was conducted on 4 November with twenty-four participants took part.

Income generation and trade training for the self-help group members was also conducted on 24 and 25 November, with forty-six women attending the program. Animal husbandry, dry fish, rice processing and other activities were discussed.

## ***Outstanding needs***

As previously reported, the appeal is fully covered and there are no outstanding needs.

## ***External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media***

Weekly co-ordination meetings of international organizations and NGOs continue to take place in the UN house in Bhubaneswar. All organisations participating continue to share information concerning the implementation of ongoing rehabilitation and training activities in Orissa state.

## ***Contributions***

See Annex 1 for details

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INDIA - CYCLONE ORISSA						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 28/99		PLEDGES RECEIVED			12/22/00	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL----->				7,200,000	01/01/99	100.96%
AMERICAN - RC		350,000	USD	550,900	01/28/00	
AUSTRALIA		34,179	AUD	33,615	03/01/00	
BRITISH - RC		25,000	GBP	62,250	11/03/99	20'000 FOR RICE
BRITISH - RC		28,692	GBP	71,443	11/19/99	RELIEF GOODS, OPER. COSTS
BRITISH - RC		7,000	GBP	18,130	04/04/00	COSTS OF REPOR. DELEGATE
BRITISH - GOVT		245,000	GBP	610,050	11/01/99	BLANKETS, TRANSP, STORAGE AND LOCAL STAFF SALARIES
BRITISH - RC/DEC		400,000	GBP	1,000,000	11/01/99	220'000 FOOD, 100'000 BLANKETS, 60'000 SHELTER, 20'000 OP. SUPP COSTS
BRITISH - PRIVATE		50	GBP	125	12/01/99	
BRITISH - PRIVATE				16,542	03/20/00	
CANADIAN - RC		296,770	CAD	311,312	11/16/99	
CANADIAN - RC		74,075	CAD	80,349	04/05/00	
CANADIAN - GOVT		150,000	CAD	157,350	11/04/99	NOT FOR TRANSPORT OF FOOD ITEMS
DENMARK - RC				107,850	11/09/99	
DENMARK - RC				105,000	11/17/99	MT 627 RICE
DENMARK - RC				2,165	12/30/99	
ECHO (DEIN02)		880,000	EUR	1,418,120	03/03/00	
FINLAND - RC		50,456	EUR	80,931	11/05/99	
FINLAND - RC/GOVT		168,188	EUR	270,194	11/05/99	
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		500,000	DEM	410,000	11/24/99	225mt rice, 18 mt cooking oil, 45 mtvdat, 9600 blankets,4800 kitchen sete, 4800 tarpaulins, 2 mln water tablets and 700 kg bleaching powde
ICELAND - RC		200,000	ISK	4,208	11/06/99	
INDIA - PRIVATE				240	11/30/99	
ITALY - RC		65,774,900	ITL	54,264	01/12/00	
JAPAN - RC				150,000	11/25/99	
KUWAIT - RC		50,000	USD	77,000	11/23/99	
LIECHTENSTEIN - RC				10,800	11/23/99	
LIECHTENSTEIN - PRIVATE		100,000	GBP	250,000	12/15/99	
MONACO - RC		25,000	FRF	6,088	01/04/00	
NETHERLANDS - RC		250,000	NLG	181,932	11/01/99	
NETHERLANDS - RC		500,000	NLG	364,381	12/06/99	
NETHERLANDS - RC		238,810	NLG	174,705	11/01/99	
NEW ZEALAND - GOVT		200,000	NZD	161,820	11/04/99	
SPANISH - RC		5,000,000	ESP	48,200	11/01/99	
SINGAPORE - RC				15,000	12/23/99	
SWEDEN - RC		1,000,000	SEK	186,300	11/23/99	
SWITZERLAND - PRIVATE				7,270	01/21/00	
SWITZERLAND - GOVT				140,000	12/02/99	
SWITZERLAND - RC				10,000	12/02/99	
UNITED STATES - PRIVATE		512	USD	788	12/08/99	
UNITED STATES - PRIVATE				7,180	03/13/00	
UNITED STATES - RC		50	USD	77	12/01/99	
UNITED STATES - RC		50,000	USD	76,250	11/03/99	
UNITED STATES - PRIVATE		5,000	USD	7,700	11/12/99	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				7,240,529	CHF	100.56%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCL. PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Denmark	Delegate(s)			8,706		
Denmark	Delegate(s)			19,877	06/15/00	Year 2000
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				28,583	CHF	0.40%
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	