

# ***INDIA : CYCLONE***

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### ***The Disaster***

The powerful cyclone that ripped through the coastal State of Gujarat in West India on 9 June killed more than 1,100 people and injured another 4,000.

### ***Red Cross/Red Crescent Action***

Currently, Indian Red Cross action in the affected area is as follows:

KANDLA (Kutch district): The Gandhidham sub-branch of IRCS is distributing wheat flour, rice, pulses and cooking oil in the villages of Bhimasan, Ambapur, Dudhai, Pasuda, Lingad and Lakhanpal which it identified as being the worst affected. Red Cross relief teams have strong community links in these villages and ensure proper distribution of relief in close association with the heads of the village assembly.

RAJASTHAN STATE: Although the cyclone weakened when it entered this state it brought torrential rains which inundated large areas of three districts. According to Red Cross estimates, 34 people died in the floods and 5,631 houses were damaged.

A plan of action is being drawn up so that District Branches and the State Branch of Rajasthan can assist the disaster victims by providing the following : medicine for cattle; temporary shelter material;

cotton blankets and assorted clothing; food grains; preventive medicines.

### ***Needs***

There are 4,000 families in Kandla district who have lost everything and require immediate support to get back on their feet. The district Red Cross Branch has drawn up a plan for providing each family with a kit comprising shelter material or tent, tarpaulin, stove, bucket, cooking utensils and bed linen. The IRCS can draw on approximately CHF 80,000 left from a previous cyclone operation and has received a donation of \$25,000 from a business corporation, given through the American Red Cross.

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