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The Situation

The western Indian state of Gujarat continues to experience flooding with the deluge of heavy rainfall into a ninth day. According to the Indian Red Cross Gujarat state branch, the death toll in the state has shot up to 125. Whilst the monsoon rains in the state are expected to ease this week, the Indian meteorological service has issued a heavy rain warning today for parts of Gujarat.

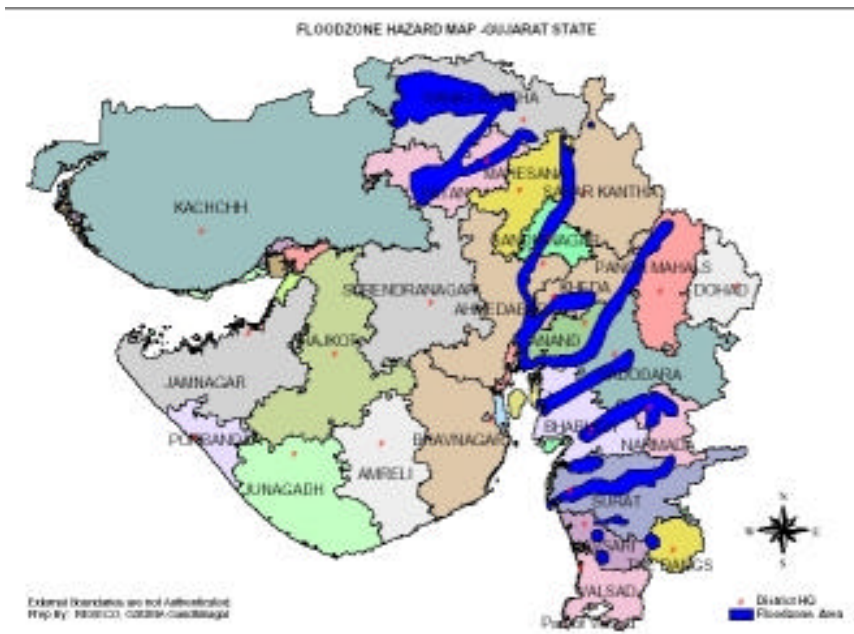
According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) reports, the situation is critical in the districts of Vadodara, Kheda and Anand. The Indian Red Cross Gujarat state branch reports other badly affected areas/cities are Valsad, Navsari, Dang, Surat, Nadiad, Ahmedabad, Surendranagar, Amreli and Junagadh.

Transport infrastructure has been severely damaged including roads and railways which is impeding relief operations.

Relief and rescue operations being conducted by the state administration are in full swing and half a million people have now been moved to safer locations. Army and air force personnel have been deployed to assist with the operation, using boats and helicopters.

To date, government relief camps have received nearly 270,000 food packets, 236,000 water pouches, 300 family kits, and 14,100 packets of milk powder. The Gujarat Water Board is coordinating arrangements for drinking water through portable tankers.

The state government is preparing to distribute 400,000 food packets and 40,000 family kits to affected populations. The relief items are being distributed through air drops and roads where accessibility is possible.



Map showing flood-zones in the state of Gujarat
(Courtesy of Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority)

Red Cross action

The Indian Red Cross Gujarat state and district branches continue to assist with the relief and rescue operation. As outlined in information bulletin 1, distributions of relief materials commenced last week to accessible locations based on a preliminary assessment and information gathered from district branches.

Affected due to 29 June 2005 flood and inundation:
 Districts: 18
 Districts severely affected: 10
 Sub-districts: 117
 Villages: 10,000
 Cities: 11

Relief items have been despatched to the following districts and are being distributed - Ranpur, Mahuva, Surendranagar, Amreli, Nadiad, Anand, Valsad, Navsari, Baroda, Thangadh, Botad, Palitana, Surat, Dabol, Kalol, and Kapadwanj.

Details of food and non-food items released to date by the Gujarat state branch:-

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
Tarpaulin	238 pieces	Ladies night gown	4 cartons
Assorted Clothes	70 boxes	Wheat	19 sacks
Children clothes	35 boxes	Biscuits	6 carton
Bed sheets	592 pieces	Candles	9.5 boxes
Blankets	259 pieces	Water jugs	12 cartons
Sarees (female clothing)	6 boxes	Baby cups	650 pieces
Shirts	1,050 pieces + 5 boxes	Kitchen sets	45 boxes
Jacket	3.5 carton	Hygiene kits	300 pieces
Towels	489 pieces	Nylon Bags	182 pieces
Cotton Blankets	25 pieces	Sleeper	60 pairs
Cotton roll	7 cartons	Food Packets	500 packets
Phenoyl	15 gallons	First aid kit s	2 boxes
Cash for relief purchase issued by the state branch IRS 115,000 or CHF 3,500			

A further 3,000 family packs have been dispatched from pre-positioned stocks. Each family pack consists of towels, blankets, bed sheets, sarees, dhotis and plastic sheeting. About 300 rolls of plastic sheets have been dispatched to 3,000 families.

The Maharashtra state branch provided the following items to the Navsari district branch of Gujarat which were distributed on 3 July:

Cotton blankets - 2,000

Drinking water - 3,500 litres

Milk Powder - 551 kilograms

Rice – 600 kilograms

Pulses – 100 kilograms

Cold drinks – 70 litres

Navsari district branch volunteers have distributed relief materials to beneficiaries who are accessible directly. Relief items have been given to the local administration to distribute to people in areas inaccessible to Red Cross volunteers.

The Indian Red Cross disaster management centre at the national headquarters in Delhi is continuously monitoring the situation on a national level and preparing daily information bulletins on the flood situation. A floods task force met on 4 July and discussions among the disaster management team on proposed measures took place. Gujarat state branch disaster response team members have undertaken a rapid assessment in the flood-affected districts. There is also regular information sharing with in-country partner national societies.

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