



Sitrep -4: Flood Incident in Uttarakhand 26th June, 2013

A. SITUATION REPORT:

Almost 10 days are over since the disaster hits the hilly districts of Uttarakhand. The rains are again creating havoc to the victims of disaster. Reports of heavy rains are being received from different areas of the state mounting the difficulties in rescue and relief work, which was getting pace during last couple of days. It is raining continuously for last 10 hrs.

More detailed information on situation, damage and responses are given below:

B. DISTRICT WISE STATUS OF THE IMPACT OF DISASTER IS AS BELOW:

NAME OF THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS IN UTTARAKHAND	RUDRAPRAYAG	CHAMOLI	UTTARKASHI	TEHRI	PITHORAGARH	BAGESHWAR	ALMORA	DEHRADUN	PAURI	
No of villages affected :	60 +	39	28	20	10	8	8	-	5	
No. of persons missing:	More than 5-6 thousand including pilgrim	Approx 2500 including pilgrims	Approx 3000 including pilgrims	-	Approx 100	-	-	-		
No of casualties :	The total number of casualties during present disaster is 1000 as per the govt. updates. However, unconfirmed sources and the witnesses claim approx 10000 people are feared dead in all the districts due to the calamity.									
No of Houses damaged/washed away:	600-700	120 -130	150-160	80-90	20-25	10-15	5-10	1	40	
No of animals died:	In Rudraprayag, Tehri and Uttarkashi unconfirmed sources claim that approx. 5000-6000 animals died including the 2500 mules in Kedarnath/Rambara. Though the govt. is claiming for loss of only 1000 animals.									
No of cowshed washed away/destroyed:	The detailed information is awaited.									
Area of land washed away:	The detailed information is awaited.									
Water schemes affected:	About 695 water schemes are damaged throughout the state. However, the detailed information is awaited.									
Roads damaged:	796 roads are damaged including the national highway.									

Sources: (Inter Agency Group, Uttarakhand)

C. DETAILS OF DAMAGES AND CASUALTIES AT DISTRICT AND BLOCK LEVELS:

Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Tehri, Bageshwar, Almora, Haridwar, Pauri and Dehradun districts are affected. Rudraprayag, Chamoli, Uttarkashi and Pithoragarh districts are among the severely affected ones.

I. Rudraprayag

- Bedubagad, Augustmuni, – 2 hotels are washed away.
- On Kedarnath national highway between Silli and Chandrapuri 140 houses are washed away and another 100 are badly affected. No information is available on human casualties.
 - The local are saying the muck of the dam was deposited along the river which has diverted the course of water. The vehicles (Buses and dumpers) are washed away which caused damage to bridges at Silli, Rudraprayag. The debris (Buses, trucks, dumpers, tree and muck) has deposited near Bedubagar, Augustmuni and has diverted the course of water towards town.
- Casualties are higher at Rambara. 60 people are washed away. However, there are unconfirmed reports from various sources claiming more casualties that might reach upto 10000 including casualties at Kedarnath.
- Kedarnath trek has got severely damaged. Approximately 3000 people are stranded in Kedarnath valley only.
- In Kedarnath, unconfirmed reports are claiming that the entire infrastructure has got severe damage. Even the Kedarnath temple has also been partially damaged. So far, reports say that about 250 bodies have been recovered from the Kedarnath area.
- Incidents of diarrhea have been reported from Phata, Sonprayag, and Guptakashi. Other areas are feared to have greater risk of spread of epidemic diseases.

II. Uttarkashi:

- In village Udri, there are 4 deaths have been recorded due to cloudburst & landslide.
- Village Joshiyara & Tiloth are highly affected from the current disaster and most of houses, shops, hotels and public facilities have been broken down and some of them are in dangerous situation. The families have been moved to relief camps or shifted to other places. As per primary information, total 123 houses have been completely collapsed, and 22 houses have been partially damaged, 18 Families lost their household material and living in relief camps.
- In village Didsari, total 35 families are affected by the disaster because 15 houses of the village have washed away.
- 6 houses of village Pilang have collapsed and the families are living in another safe places
- The village Jadau has comes under the landslide zone and the villagers have evacuated their houses and living in the temporary shelters
- 26 Grocery shop/ Business has been reported which have been completely damaged
- 677 families of Joshiyara, Tiloth, Didsari, Lonthru, Gangori, Udri, Tiloth, and Joshiyara have been highly affected.
- Most of the road network connecting Uttarkashi to Gangotri has been damaged. Also in SBMA-Plan working areas road connectivity between Malla to Lata, Uttarkashi to Dunda, Sangamchatti to Seku, Dingla Power house to Sangamchatti has been damaged.
- 4 Bridges, Narula bridge, bridge connecting Loanthru to Bayana, 2 Bridges of kishanpur were reported collapsed
- 10 to 15 chaaniya (Temporary settlement of villagers) completely destroyed at Pilang. Also Junior high school and primary school building were highly affected
- In Jadau people have shifted to chaaniya, as advised villagers to evacuate their houses.



- Bridge, agriculture land and other village path of Dhanari area (Pipli & Sankurna cluster) have been fully damaged by flash flood.
- Forest Department Park and building at Gangori is at Danger.
- Incident of landslides at Sangamchatti and Bhankoli started devastation and further affected to the life of the people.
- 30 Families of Agora and Dandalka got stuck at chaaniya
- No electricity and communication Network in Harshil, Gangotri, Gnagnani, Bhatwari, Malla, Maneri, Netala and Sangamchatti area
- One cowshed destroyed and one cow death has been reported in village Kishanpur.
- 11 people have lost their agricultural land at Baluda, and at Pilang also agricultural damage has been reported. 206 Agricultural Land have been Damaged at Bhatwari, Panchangaun, Bagsari
- More then 7000 pilgrims have got stuck between Uttarkashi to Gangotri as per the information by the Team.

III. Chamoli

- In Narayan Bagar four houses and the Jhula bridge is washed away.
- In Tharali block around 100 m road and about 20 house are washed away. Several Jhula bridge are also reported damaged/broken.
- In Pandukeshwar and Govindghat 60-70 person washed away of which 40-50 are tourists/pilgrims. 20 houses got damaged severely. About 250 two wheeler, 20 four wheeler are also reported washed away.
- Bhyundar village in Badrinath valley is washed away completely. The people has been shifted to nearby safe locations. Details of casualties and other losses is awaited.
- SBMA, PU Gairsain has reported that 41 persons including adults, youth and children are missing from Kedarnath and Gangori Area, this includes 3 sponsors children and 2 siblings.

IV. Tehri- Garhwal District

Bhilgana Block: Rapid assessment done by Mountain valley development Association

- In Bhilgana block along the river of Balganga the agriculture land of approx 200 villages is severely damaged.
- In Jakh village 10 houses and in Ghuttu village 10 houses are damaged and families have shifted to cowsheds/temporary shelters

Devprayag Block.

- Recent reports are for cloud burst in village Marora, Devprayag block (near Devprayag). 3 persons are dead. Other details are awaited.

Jaunpur Block: Rapid assessment done by Garhwal Vikas Kendra

- In Village Mogi because of land slide 65 families shifted to cowsheds/ temporary shelter. Scarcity of food and shelter.
- In Village Parodi 12 houses collapsed and due to excessive flooding 80% village area are waterlogged. Total 124 families lost their 50% agriculture land. Drinking water scheme is also damaged.
- In village Bangar due to rain fresh landslide is activated and cowheds are damaged. Water scheme is also damaged.
- In Village Sunav landslide activated, 5 families affected and whole village is under high risk. Water Scheme damaged, 20% agriculture land is damaged.
- In Chanad village 20 cowshed damaged, 200 animals died and high risk of epidemic due to died animals.



- In Bharamsari Village 3 houses are collapsed, water scheme is damaged and 80% agriculture land is damaged.
- In Bhainsawara 100% agriculture land is damaged.

Pauri

- Cloud burst incident in Village Paithani, Block Thailisain causing damage to 26 HH and some non-residential buildings. Details on loss to human beings and livestock is awaited.

V. Pithoragarh

- In Jauljivi, district Pithoragarh - 6 houses are washed away
- Mathkot, district Pithoragarh – Several houses are washed away. Detailed reports are awaited.
- Dharchula , district Pithoragarh - Several houses are washed away. Detailed reports are awaited.

D. GOVERNMENT/ HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE:

- State govt. has established relief camps at different sites in district Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag and Chamoli. Relief camps are established in Kedarnath (Guptkashi, Fata & Agastmuni), Joshimath, Srinagar and Uttarkashi area. But not all people can come to these relief camps because they are stranded at many places where road is damaged.
- District administration of all the affected Districts has released alert and evacuated population living in the banks of river.
- DM Uttarkashi claims that pilgrimage and local affected peoples are shifted to safer location and food arrangements are done for them.
- IAG member SBMA/Plan deployed 40 staff for search, rescue, and evacuation in Uttarkashi.
- IAG members are collecting information regarding situation at zero ground.
- State IAG called an emergency meeting of core team members at Plan India Dehradun office on 18th June, meeting minutes have been circulated.
- Govt. has announced the helpline numbers – Uttarkashi -01374226126, 226461, Tehri – 01376-233433, Chamoli – 01372-251437, Rudraprayag – 01364-233727. 1077 is toll free number for helpline toll free numbers. There is no information on other districts. (Source : State Control Room)
- State Government with the assistance from Central Government deployed 45 helicopters to rescue stranded peoples from the Kedarnath and Uttarkashi.
- About 4-5 thousand pilgrimage are stranded in all four Dhams (Source : State Control Room)
- More than 10000 soldiers of Indian Army, ITBP, NDRF, BRO and local administration has started search and rescue operation. Approx 45 helicopters are engaged in rescue operation. As of now 75000 people are rescued and taken to safe places.
- Prime Minister has done an Ariel survey of the affected area on Wednesday. He said that Uttarakhand is under huge devastation and such type of devastation has not happened in last 100 years and it will take time to overcome the damage. He assured that center will provide all required support to State Government. He has approved 1000 crores from Prime Minister Calamity Fund, out of which 145 crores are to be released immediately. Announcement of Rs. 340 crores is also made by the center ministry of Village development for village roads and housing.
- State IAG is coordinating with CASA, Plan India, ADRA, Oxfam, Save the Children, World Vision, Help Age India, CARITAS, CARE Foundation, TATA relief Committee and WWF India by updating the situation and for immediate relief to the disaster victims.
- The TATA relief committee is supporting three villages viz. Pilang, Jarao, and Didsari by providing tent and food for one month to each affected household (Total 200 HHs).

E. OUTCOMES OF IAG MEETING CONDUCTED ON 24th JUNE 2013 AT CASA OFFICE, DEHRADUN:

- The grassroots level organizations has shared their experiences and information on impact of disaster and need for action.
- There is a huge information gap which needs to be bridged.
- Need to strengthen coordinated efforts. The flow of information needs to be ensured from grassroots level organizations, funding organization, other support organization and individuals.
- There is a need to identify the short term responses/interventions and long term rehabilitation responses in the affected areas.
- The complete database of the grassroots level organizations, funding agencies will be required to make the coordination more smooth. (Attached the format for information suggested by ADRA)
- The detailed assessment and need assessment of the impact of disaster should be carried out jointly by IAG members with the support of other field level organizations who are not members of IAG.
- The organizations, support groups, funding agencies, should not impose their individual agenda on others and should make the coordinated efforts based on the present situation.
- The storage of relief material being received from various organizations is becoming a matter of great concern. The issue should be addressed immediately for safe storage of the relief material and its supply to the affected area in a coordinated way.
- Issue of difficulties in transportation of relief material was raised by few agencies suggesting that coordination with transporting agencies should be done for undertaking the work.
- Members suggested that we should not reach to any conclusion until complete information from remotest parts/clusters is availed.
- IAG should include the other grassroots NGOs and individuals, who are not the members of IAG, to its network for detailed information.
- IAG secretariat should be strengthened by equipping sufficient manpower and logistic support for atleast next six months to:
 - Coordinate with different NGOs/funding agencies/Govt. Agencies, etc. during impact assessment, relief and other related works.
 - Update the information and data on impact of disaster and responses immediately.
 - Identify and raise the issues of rehabilitation, compensation, and advocate for policy framework for future.

Sources: (IAG, Uttarakhand)

F. IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- Food items and Milk for children.
- First Aid and medicines (life saving drugs).
- Shelter items- Tents, Canvas sheets, Tarpoline.
- Shelter support items- Plastic mats, Blanket, solar lanterns, Water purifier, Torchs, candles and matchbox.
- Hygiene and sanitation kit- Soaps, Sanitary napkins, tooth brush and tooth paste, towels and comb
- School Kits for children.
- Water quality testing and water purification kits.

Sources: (IAG, Uttarakhand)

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