



Floods 2020 !!

Five persons died, while about 14000+livestock perished in flood in the Jajpur district. This year's floods are the most devastating since 2011. Over 788520 people and 286327 livestock in 612 villages are affected in some of the worst hit Blocks of the district. The situation has become severe due to 30 breaches on various river embankments.

CYSD's Response to Floods

- Three flood assistance centres in Bari Block
- 100+ volunteers mobilised for immediate support and assistance
- Boat for bridging communication gap and reaching to the people in need
- Dry ration distribution with the help of Abhiyan and AMURT
- Flood safety advisories
- Drone-based assessment

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Safe drinking water worry for Jajpur villages while battling flood !!

The worries are swelling up as major part of the Jajpur district including the worst affected Bari Block battles flood, non-availability of safe drinking water has begun to haunt people of the affected villages. tube-wells, dug-wells and other drinking water resources are contaminated and the threat of waterborne diseases looms large in villages. Absence of safe drinking water is a major concern.

With villages submerged in flood-water people have taken shelter in schools and other safer places. Now they need water and food to survive. The COVID19 pandemic is another major challenge for the flood response. People are waiting for Rural Water and Sanitation department to arrange drinking water for the flood-hit people through water tankers and pipes, however, the situation is getting worsen day-by-day with a fear of post-flood health disaster.



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The floods in Brahmani and Baitarani river However, 13 out of the total 29 flood affected panchayats are still fighting to stay afloat in this terrible flood situation. Assuring the affected people, Jajpur Collector Ranjan Kumar Dash said, “We have supplied rice and parched rice to many flood-affected areas in the district today. Polythene too will reach to those areas soon. Free kitchen services have been made available in more than 40 different places.”

On the other hand, hundreds of electricity substations are submerged in flood water leading to complete darkness in flood-hit areas. Subsequently, the telecommunications and several other emergency services have come to a halt in these areas. Women managing families with young kids and old members under such condition is harrowing to say the least. Supply of medicines or unavailability of health care providers in flood-hit areas amid the already stressed and corona-battered healthcare system is negligible.



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Highlights:

- 70000 people from 10 Blocks have been evacuated and settled in safety places
- Dasrathpur situation is getting to normal slowly, but, Lakhs of people in the Bari Block are still under water-locked and are totally cut-off from the outer world.
- 3 Medical teams are deployed in Bari Block for a health assessment, area disinfection has been started by the health squads [DM]
- District administration is focusing on three main agenda - Reconnect, Rescue and Relief. As of now relief works are mostly undertaken by the ODRAF and NDRF teams.
- 43 free-kitchen centres by the district administration in in Bari Block