

CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSE FLOOD 2022



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01 Flood Threat In Mahanadi Adds To Woes Of Odisha !!

02 Monsoon fury: People forced to drink flood water in marooned Odisha villages

03 Women in groups are going on boats in search of a place where they can attend to nature's call

HIGHLIGHTS

- The life of around 9 lakh people in the state are in difficulties. Prolonged water logging and extremely fragile contexts are particularly devastating for children and women. WASH services are disrupted, and shelters are destroyed, leaving families without safe water and sanitation.
- The flood situation in several northern Odisha districts, including Balasore, turned grim, with the swollen rivers inundating low-lying areas, leaving people in at least 136 villages marooned, officials said.
- The disaster, manifested through the current extreme flood event, resulted in food and water insecurity and can trigger mass displacement.



BALASORE DISTRICT

- Of the 136 marooned villages in Balasore district on Wednesday, 115 are in Baliapal block. The situation is more or less similar in other affected blocks like Bhograi, Basta and Jaleswar.
- More than 2 lakh people are dealing with difficulties and 40000 people are shifted to safe habitations.
- Residents of Ganjam district have sent three truckloads of essential materials such as water bottles, dry food packets, medicine kits and other items for the flood-affected people of Balasore district.

MORE PAIN IN STORE !

There is scarcity of drinking water, polythene sheets and healthcare services for the elderly and pregnant women. Unable to get potable water in marooned villages in parts of Odisha, a number of people are forced to drink what is available - the muddy and contaminated water that has accumulated in villages in the past few days due to flood. People defecate in the flood water. Women are going on boats in search of a place to attend the nature's call.

Diarrhoea cases are the next disaster expected due to the deluge as people are drinking contaminated water.

Many mud houses have collapsed or damaged, food has become scarce, and there is no place to attend to nature's call.

Villagers are not even able to boil the flood water and make them drinkable due to lack of fuel. Those who had cooking gas connection are also affected as cylinders have been swept away along with other household articles after flood water entered homes.

The worst hit by floods is the vegetable farmers whose crops have been completely damaged after being waterlogged for more than a week.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) - THE ESSENTIAL IN EMERGENCIES

Sustained humanitarian efforts to respond to the Odisha flood have been initiated by the civil society organizations in 87 villages of the 3 most affected Blocks i.e., Kanas, Nimapara, and Gop of Puri District. Lifesaving WASH interventions have been prioritized, so far, CYSD in association with AMURT and SAVE has reached out to 25,000 people effectively across the sectors of WASH, healthcare, clean drinking water, dignity kits, and Shelter assistance. Those affected are left without home or food, the civil societies are trying to reach out to them to provide basic clean drinking water, proper sanitation and shelter kit.



3400 families have been supported with 1.5 lakh halazone tablets for safe and clean drinking water. 100 volunteers are in action to deal with the village sanitation and cleanliness. Public Health Promotion with the communities is an has been the priority in the response.

Mid-term action aims to improve the lives of marginalised flood-affected groups by ensuring food security and livelihood, as well as ensuring safe and dignified shelter to reduce negative impact on health and the spread of water-borne diseases and the enhancement of their knowledge through hygiene promotion activities.

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