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Flood Update - 21 st September -11 P.M

Present position: With the news that the water intake of Hirakud dam has receded and so also in the quantum of release of dam's water; led to emergence of more and more issues highlighting the consequences of a major floor in the state. As per the last news received the dam receives 3 lakh cusecs of water per second and releases 3 lakh cusecs of water per second through 18 number of sluices. the water level in the dam is 629.02'. It is followed by recession in water level in different rivers of mahanadi, the tributaries and other rivers in the state. The breaches in the Mahanadi remain constant at 21. On the other hand the said recession has not decreased the water level in places like Dalai Ghai and a number of rivers are flowing over danger level. The situation in other part of the state portrays a grim picture marked by flood water continuing to serge into increasing number of areas, the need of reaching out to the most affected and the danger of outbreak of epidemics and hunger deaths.

- Total number of districts affected is 17
- Total number of grampanchayats affected is 951
- Total number of villages affected is 3683
- More than 2.4 million people affected
- The death toll is 17
- Total number of agricultural land affected is 1,55,000
- Total number of roads destroyed is 1552
- Total number of houses washed out is 11,000
- Total number of breaches is 61
- Total number of people evacuated is 2, 66126
- Kendrapada is the most affected district in the floods with 651 villages
- The chief minister along with the revenue minister have aerial view of 7 districts, today
- air dropping of 4650 food packages from 2 available helicopters
- 369 relief centers have been opened in different parts the state,as told by Govt.and 1,12,231 people are being benefited from 284 free kitchens established by the government

Updates on PECUC area -

Baliana Block in Khurdha district: Although 12 grampanchayats of the block are affected in the floods, nine of them are not only worst affected but also cut-off from the rest of the world. There are 10,000 people in Prataprudrapur ,sarakana,Bhingarpur ,sarakana,satyabhamapur,puranapradhan,Jyadev gramapanchayat are on the river embankment. Many people are languishing in flood waters.

Miss. Anita Sethi, aged 12, 7th class, village Betanda is taking shelter on the embankments. She did not got any chance to recover any of her belongings from her house, Anita told to our cental team while visiting the area . Being away from school, she is one of those children who have

to digest mental and psychological trauma of the flood.

Govt. Relief – Flat rice distributed per head 200gm to 500 grams, although there is provision of 1 kg per head in this phase. One of the officials in the block told that sufficient material has not reached to them from the state.

Sabita, ward member of Jayadev Panchayat told that they have received only 17 polythine sheets for 101 households.

Due to rain during afternoon and evening the sufferings of the people on the embankment, roof and other shelter places has increased a lot.

PECUC field team is coordinating with BDO, ABDO, Collector, PRI members on supply of more relief materials. PECUC facilitated to run a Health camp of CDMO KHURDA in Prataprudapur.

Gotalabindha GP already the children are affected with Diarrhea and fever, cold.

The Block administration and the local MLA, while discussion has requested PECUC to immediately start Health camps, moving through power boat to the inaccessible areas too.

Critical Gaps and urgent needs

- Drinking water
- Health and sanitation (Health intervention immediately required).
- Baby Food
- Feeding for Livestocks (Lack of grazing land available)
- Severe problem in rescue and relief operation due to shortage of Boats
- Cooked food
- Temporary shelter /Tarpolines/Polythine sheets (Yesterday there was a discussion in IAG meeting that Govt. has requested to arrange temporary shelters.)

Mahanga block in Cuttack District:

- 25 panchayats affected
- 97 villages affected
- 80,000 population affected
- 3 breaches
- 16,000 households affected

PECUC Intervention:

PECUC volunteers in the area coordinating for rescue and relief operation.

A team from PECUC coordination office visited affected areas of the block on date 21st September 2008. Most of the villages have been marooned. The team discussed with the local community who have been evacuated. There is no safe shelter in the area and they were staying at the river banks. Most of the people are in the open air. There has been intermittent rain for last three days. They have not received any relief material from government as yet. The panchayats do not have any stock of relief materials. The PRI members told that the block administration have not supplied any such material.

All the schools of the area have been submerged in the flood waters. The small children have their own problem owing to their exposure to the severe vulnerable conditions prevailing over there, especially during night

time.

The women who are trapped inside the water are facing sanitary problems. All the tube wells in the vicinity being submerged in the flood waters, people in general and women and children in particular face lot of problems.

Most of the katcha houses have been damaged due to floods.

The road and communication facility to the area have been totally cut off due to flood. The

There is no electricity in the area to get rid of darkness of the night.

The team had an discussion with BDO. The BDO told that all the relief material will be disbursed today (21st Sept).

Immediate needs to be addressed:

- Provision of drinking water
- Provision of dry food for both children and adults
- Provision of mobile health services
- Bleaching, liming and chlorination of wells, tube well, pond and open spaces
- Provision for temporary shelter/Tarpolines/Polythine sheets

Kendrapara Block in Kendrapara district:

Kendrapara is the worst affected district in the state. There are more than 5 lakh people in 621 villages are affected. Out of that the Kendrapara block is the worst affected block.

PECUC in Action:

Our staffs and volunteers are engaged in coordinating the rescue and relief operation from PECUC's Gop office.

A team from coordination office visited the area on 21st September 2008. The Salepur – Kendrapara road being cut off, the team reached Kendrapara through Chandikhola – Paradeep road.

The team reached the field office at Gopa Chhaka and discussed with the local staff to access the flood situation.

Block	GP affected	Village affected	Population affected	Breaches	Casualty
Kendrapara	6	18	32,423	2 breaches in one place at Jagannathpur village	1
Marsaghai		5 villages Due to the same breach			

All the village connectivity road from the national highway being cut-off, the team subdivide into two groups. One group is set up to interact with people consisting of children and adults who came from different villages staying on national highway. The other team was on way to Jagannathpur has to move by motor bike via Marshaghai. On the way, they have to pass through stretches of water flowing through the roads. Ultimately, the team reached Jagannathpur. They came to know that

the current breach occurred on a spot which is 500-600 meters away from the MaharaKula breach (flood- 2006). In 2006, PECUC was involved in the rehabilitation phase of the flood.

PECUC 's field office at Gopa-chack is operating round the clock. The control room consisted of local volunteers. It is meant to facilitate communication between the affected community and the block and district administration.

- The team found that most of the male members with their domesticated animals have been staying on the river banks
- Other family members including women and children are staying inside two-three roof tops of Pucca houses.
- There was no food for the marooned as well as the domestic animals for the last 2 days
- All the crops damaged
- Rain also continuing in regular intervals
- There was no space for toilet
- All the tube-wells were contaminated
- Water level was higher than the earlier flood, 2006
- Almost all the Kutcha houses were submerged in the water.
- Poisonous snakes and insects were profusely found in the vicinity
- Bodies of dead animals passing through the breaches and villages giving rise to a dreadful and infectious surrounding
- The team cannot able to enter the village due to velocity and high water level
- Till date, there was no provision of boat for transport and communication
- Disconnection of electricity due to damage of poles
- Almost all the educational institutions were submerged in flood waters
- Children are unable to express their sufferings

Immediate need:

- Provision of Safe drinking water
- Provision of dry food for both children and adults
- Provision of mobile health camp
- Bleaching, liming and chlorination of wells, tube well, pond and open spaces
- Provision for temporary shelter

Kantapada

There is three Breach, two on Devi river and Breach near Kulasahi (Balianta Block)affected around 14000 households covering 70000 population in 65 villages of 11 Gram Panchayats.. Air dropping of relief material that include food, and halogen tablets from air. 10,000 population evacuated.

Water flow in village continues

Dimiri and Utara Gp marooned

71000 people affected 13000 people are now in water

Govt. Relief has started –Only Flatrice polythin sheets.Water pouch-

Although not sufficient.

Immediate need:

- Provision of Safe drinking water

- Provision of cooked food for both children and adults
- Provision of mobile health camp
- Bleaching, liming and chlorination of wells, tube well, pond and open spaces
- Provision for temporary shelter

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