

Bihar Floods 2008: An Emergency Appeal

WORST EVER FLOODS AFTER 54 YEARS IN EASTERN DISTRICTS OF BIHAR- SUPAUL, MADHEPURA, ARARIA, SAHARSA, PURNEA and KATIHAR affecting more than 2.5 million people.



Monsoon rains caused the Kosi River to breach its banks on 18 August, resulting in serious floods in six eastern districts of Bihar.

Present Situation

- Release of water from barrage and resultant 3 km breach in the Kosi River Bhimnagar barrage adjoining the Nepal and Bihar border has caused serious floods to six eastern districts of Bihar.
- Owing to this Kosi River changed its course and is flowing through villages that have not been flood prone.
- Critically affected districts are Supaul, Araria, Madhepura, Saharsa, Purnea and Katihar. Supaul district is the worst hit.
- As per government reports- 2.5 million people in 441 villages of Supaul, Madhepura, Araria, Saharsa, Katihar and Purnea are worst affected. More than a million people are displaced within 5 days of flooding.
- Army and Air force personnel are engaged in rescue operations.

- Bihar Relief Minister has called an Inter Agency meeting on Aug 27 to assess the present situation and possible support from agencies/NGOs.

What Oxfam is doing

Oxfam is rendering around the clock support to the people affected by flood.

Based on the rapid assessments done by Oxfam team and partners and seeing the gravity of the flood situation in Supaul district in Bihar, we are reaching out to 20,000 families at the moment (see Annex1 for more details).

Actions taken so far –

- 3 Motorized Rescue boats (supported by ECHO in 2004 and 2007 floods) have moved from Madhubani district (partner location) to Supaul and Araria districts.
- 2 more motorboats will be moved to Supaul in another day.
- Local warehouse is being identified at Supaul.
- Local Coordination with CBOs/NGOs is strengthened to support distribution of relief.
- District administration, Supaul has agreed to support Oxfam response.
- Preliminary support will be activated in a day or two with contingency stock distributions (to be moved from Madhubani to Supaul) - temporary shelter, water purification materials, buckets and ORS.

Where you can support

Emergency Flood Response Programme in Bihar----2008					
Proposed Budget for 20000 families					
Budget period- August 24 to October 31 , 2008					
SI No	Item Descriptions	Nos	Unit	Rate per Unit (in Rupees)	Total value (in Rupees)
Support for 20000 families in camps in Supaul district, Bihar					
1	Public Health- water and sanitation				
1.1	Buckets with Lid(16 litre)- 1 per family living in camps	20,000	nos	85	1,700,000
1.2	Mugs(1 litre)	20,000	nos	10	200,000
1.3	Zeoline(300 ml per family)	20,000	voils	90	1,800,000
1.4	Installation of Temporary handpumps for safe water	25	nos	10000	250,000
1.5	Handpump mechanic kit for repairs	50		900	45,000
1.6	HDPE Latrine slabs	150	nos	2000	300,000
1.7	Latrine slabs installation costs	150		500	75,000

	Sub Total Public Health- Water and Sanitation				4,370,000
2	Environmental sanitation and hygiene/personal hygiene				
2.1	Bleaching powder	2,000	kgs	40	80,000
2.2	Oral Rehydration Salt	40,000	packets	4	160,000
2.3	Locally Made sanitary napkins(each packet to contain 6 nos)	10,000	packets	100	1,000,000
2.4	Washing bar soap	20,000	pieces	10	200,000
2.5	Bathing soap	40,000	pieces	15	600,000
	Sub Total Environmental sanitation and hygiene/personal hygiene				2,040,000
3	Temporary shelter support				
3.1	HDPE Tarpauline sheets - based on targetting	20,000	nos	500	10,000,000
3.2	HDPE Ground Sheets	20,000	nos	180	3,600,000
	Sub Total Temporary shelter support				13,600,000
4	Dry food for 20000 families				
4.1	Beaten Rice(Chuda)(1kg per family for 15 days)(1 X 15 X 20000)	300,000	kgs	19	5,700,000
4.2	Gur(Jaggery)(300 grams per family for 15 days)(0.3 X 15 X 20000)	90,000	kgs	22	1,980,000
4.3	Sattu(Flour of Roasted Gram)(1 kg per family)(1 X 15 X 20000)	300,000	kgs	55	16,500,000
4.4	Iodised salt(1KG per family for 15 days)(1 X 20000)	20,000	kgs	10	200,000
4.5	Ground Nuts(300 grams [per family for 15 days)(0.5 X 15 X 20000)	150,000	kgs	42	6,300,000
	Sub Total of Dry Food				30,680,000
	Total of Programme Cost				50,690,000

Estimated Budget (INR)

a. Public health support	= 43,70,000
b. Environmental sanitation	= 20,40,000
c. Food support	= 3,19,80,000
d. Shelter	= 1,36,00,000
Grand Total	= 50,690,000

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