

**Floods in Assam, India**Bangkok, 9th August 2018

SITUATION
<p>During the night of Sunday the 5 August 2018, the state of Assam in India, witnessed severe rains which have substantially increased the level of water flow in the rivers and the rivers breaking their banks. This has led to flash floods in some districts of Assam and destroyed the normal life of the people. The floods have created widespread damage to houses, fields and livelihoods and affecting thousands of people. These floods are exacerbating the recent floods which affected Golaghat, Lakhimpur, Udalguri, Barpeta, Morigaoan and Hojai, districts in Assam. The floods have affected 6 Revenue Circles, 110 Villages, 6855 Acres of agricultural land and forests. It has been reported that 81,269 people have been affected. 20651 people took shelter in 109 relief camps. The loss of human life stands at 46 Number so far since the first wave of floods.</p>
NEEDS
<p>The floods have put the district in a state of crisis. The flood affected persons find themselves in a desperate situation, with many unmet vital humanitarian needs such as access to sufficient food, safe shelter and basic non-food items, basic health services and facilities, safe drinking water, as well as sanitation and hygiene infrastructure, livelihood activities, protection services and adequate nutrition.</p> <p>The dire situation is further compounded for the flood affected people with vulnerabilities more specifically for women and girls and for communities that are remote as roads and means of access have been adversely impacted. As of now the Government is providing shelter to approximately 20000 people in 109 relief camps. There is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of life and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are covered first.</p>
STAKEHOLDERS
<p>The following national and international entities are present and doing their best to respond to the crisis.</p> <p>National government: The State Disaster Management Authority which is a part of the National Disaster Management Authority is monitoring the situation and has been responding through the State Disaster Rapid Force. Further it has also helped in setting up 109 relief camps for around 20000 people where food and drinking water have been provided.</p> <p>Civil society groups: The Civil Society Organisations have been helping the local governance systems and the government officials in their response and are assessing the situation to work out responses</p> <p>The emergency response is currently being coordinated by Assam State Disaster Management Authority. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders particularly the District Disaster Management Authority and Assam Inter Agency Group) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.</p>
ACT Alliance

ACT Alliance has been working in India since its inception in the year 1995, now helping/planning to help people affected by the floods

ACT Alliance works in areas affected by the floods, and is assessing the impact of the disaster to better understand the needs and vulnerabilities

ACT Alliance is currently monitoring the situation and is preparing a rapid needs assessment to have an in-depth context analysis and better understanding of existing vulnerabilities.

ACT Alliance is monitoring the situation and emergency teams are ready/preparing to respond according to the results of a contextual analysis and rapid needs assessment.

In collaboration with relevant stakeholders, the ACT forum has identified a gap in Food, Security, Non-Food, Shelter, WASH and Livelihood and has resolved that if funded, it will have the capacity to properly bridge the identified gap.

The ACT forum is planning on submitting a funding proposal to provide Food, Non-Food Items, Shelter, WASH and Livelihood to ensure that the floods affected persons' basic needs are met with regards to access to food, non-food items, safe shelter, access to safe drinking water, hygiene and proper sanitation, alternative livelihood with cash transfer.

ACT Alliance is ready to respond, providing basic food, temporary shelter, non-food items, hygiene/dignity kits, water storage container, water purifiers, agricultural seeds and allied services, cash transfer to 4000 affected households in the coming months.

Furthermore, ACT Alliance will engage in advocacy on the national and international level to ensure that the voices of those affected by the floods are amplified.

Any funding indication or pledge should be communicated to the Head of Finance and Administration, Line Hempel (Line.Hempel@actalliance.org)

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