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#IndiaFloodResponse2020

ASSAM FLOOD RESPONSE

The state of Assam has experienced the worst flooding over the last ten years affecting over 3.6 million people and claiming 60 lives.

Ensuring timely and prompt response, based on the information received from the ground volunteers, SEEDS is promptly reaching out to affected families in Assam with safe drinking water, dry food, and hygiene kits including key items required for COVID safety.

With extensive damage to houses, and continued heavy lashes, it is imperative to provide urgent relief to several who have been rendered homeless. Immediate support for providing basic home utilities is thus the next priority that we are helping impacted families with.

SEEDS is reaching out to 100,000 affected people in Assam with their immediate needs for water, health and hygiene in the districts of Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Barpeta and Morigaon.

Stories from the ground

“Our family suffered due to the floods. Hand pump water, that was our only source of water got contaminated, posing serious challenges to the health of all nine members in my family. Complete dependence on hand pump for drinking water, when the water is further contaminated could lead to water borne diseases. Thankfully, our hand pump is now chlorinated and house is also sanitised. I am relieved and hope that we would not be impacted anymore by the harmful consequences of contaminated water. When, no aid was provided to us after floods, SEEDS came to our help and provided us safe and clean drinking water and a much safer environment”.

-Junmoni Doley, Hatishal mising village, Jorhat district, Assam

1. As per flood situation report by Assam State Disaster Management Authority as on July 16, 2020
BIHAR FLOOD RESPONSE

Bihar is grappling with floods triggered by heavy rainfall. Due to flood in Koshi river, the population of Supaul, Saharsa, Khagaria and Bhagalpur district of Bihar have been severely affected. With over 6 million people affected across Bihar, the extreme monsoon has compelled many people to flee their homes.

Most of the areas are cut off and the transportation link is snapped due to the rise and fall in the water level of the river. The floods have caused immense damage to the embankments, standing crops, livestock and houses.

A regular monitoring of installed river gauge was started by SEEDS by forming task forces, community champions to disseminate early warning information within the communities of affected areas. Based on the early warning, all the vulnerable groups such as disabled people, pregnant/lactating women, widow/single women and children could be timely transferred to the high raised places or shelter homes by the respective task forces.

Hand pumps which were submerged in flood within the community were identified and chlorinated by the task forces and made reusable for drinking purpose and other household chores. A mixture of lime and bleaching powder was spread within the boundaries of affected houses to minimise the risk of contamination and diseases occurring due to flood.

Stories from the ground

“My village has been facing regular floods from past 10 years, which has led to many water borne disease such as diarrhea, dysentery etc. A quick and meaningful support from SEEDS and their task force members in terms of chlorination of hand pumps and sanitisation after the flood; has provided relief to our community. We are grateful to the staff and SEEDS organisation for their generosity and efforts.”

-Bheli Beendh, Kothiya Panchayat, South Mahishi, Bihar

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On learning that some of the villages on the eastern part of Mizoram were severely affected due to the earthquake that occurred on the 22nd of June 2020 (Khawbung RD Block, Champhai District, Mizoram) SEEDS immediately plunged into a relief mission.

Depending on the extent of damage, SEEDS identified five most heavily damaged villages namely Khuangthing, Dungtlang, Samthang, Chawngtui, and Thekte te an ni.

Families from each of these villages were given ration kit each comprising essential food items like, rice, pulses, spices and oil for a family size of 5. A total of 100 ration kits were distributed.

SEEDS stands strongly with those in need in these difficult times!

“I am 7 months pregnant and our house is a traditional typical Mizo structured house made of timber, grass and bamboo. Even though our house is dismantled we are still living in it. Tremors have become frequent and recurrent forcing us to live in a constant fear.

I received rice, dal, soya chunks and oil for my family from SEEDS and this indeed has been a substantial help in this pressing times. I thank the team for providing us with ration. My family and I feel relieved”.

-Mrs. Ngunhleii, Khuangthing village, Mizoram
Cyclone Amphan roared into West Bengal, on 20 May 2020, leaving a trail of destruction across 16 districts and affecting almost 13.6 million people. Ravaging more than 53000 houses, the storm destroyed 15000-hectare crop land and displaced almost 52600 people in relief camps. The catastrophic storm unleashed heavy rain and high-velocity winds uprooting trees, breaching embankments, soaking farmlands with saline water and severely affecting livestock. Furthermore, causing several fatalities and rendering many homeless.

**SEEDS on the ground: A few glimpses of the ongoing work**

**Hygiene kit:** A total of 2295 hygiene kits, containing basic hygiene supplies have been distributed. SEEDS by way of this distribution has reached out to the most severely impacted families

**Nutritional support kit:** The dual disaster of Amphan and Covid has rendered many people homeless and Jobless therefore leaving them unable to meet their basic family needs. Among these, SEEDS identified 300 families with pregnant/ lactating women and children below 5 years and distributed nutritional food items

**Safe drinking water supply:** With power lines down in many areas and pumps out of operation, drinking water became an urgent and critical need. SEEDS made its contribution to ensure safe drinking water supply including treatment of available water, decontamination of local water sources, and water filtration systems where needed. In this exercise 10 villages have been facilitated with safe drinking water and additionally 105 water filters have been installed across West Bengal so far

**Village hygiene:** Destructive cyclonic storm Amphan and heavy rain fall destroyed ecological balance in the impacted areas. Most of pond water got contaminated. Partner organisation’s volunteers in field therefore disinfected villages by spreading lime & bleach at different places such as road side, common & individual pond, market place, drinking water sources spots. A total of 15 villages have been disinfected

**Shelter support:** Many people have been rendered homeless, hence requiring facilitation for interim accommodation. SEEDS has taken up and is engaged in restoration of 19 shelters

**Mobile health camp:** Medical bus with equipment, medicines and specialised doctors moved from village to village to monitor the status of people’s health, diagnose them and provide them with appropriate medicines. A total of 1601 people have been reached out to through this initiative across West Bengal

**Ration kit:** Kit containing essential food items like wheat flour, rice, salt, pulses, spices and oil for a family size of 5. A total of 3421 ration kits have been distributed so far
Earlier, in the Madhavnagar community, Gopal Nagar Panchayat, West Bengal there was no facility of absolute safe drinking water. The community was solely dependent upon hand pump for their drinking needs which also eventually got contaminated due to inundation of saline water in the aftermath of the cyclone. The contaminated water from hand pump posed serious threat to the community people, as it was a source of several water borne diseases.

SEEDS has provided a water filter benefiting 14 households, constituting 71 people, who now have access to safe drinking water. An already existing Self Help Group (SHG) from the community was reached out to, leading to formation of a 14-member group. Roles and responsibilities with respect to the water filter’s maintenance and monitoring have been divided accordingly.

Lata Mitra, the SHG leader says, “We are now aware of techniques involved in proper maintenance and monitoring of the water filter. SEEDS team has provided us orientation on WaSH. We now train and orient other members of the community on safe drinking and sanitation. One filter is benefiting so many people. Each household nearly collects clean water, twice or thrice a day from the filter. This intervention has been extremely helpful for the entire community”.

**SEEDS aims to reach out to 1 lakh affected people**
# Covid-19 Response

## State-Wise Information

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### Glimpses

The spread of coronavirus world-wide has drawn huge demand and urgent requirement of personal protective equipment in large numbers for all those working in high risk environments such as the doctors & nurses, police personnel and others working in the field. SEEDS therefore made a sincere endeavour and collaborated towards a substantial contribution by supplying 168 personal protective equipment kits along with 3000 N-95 masks, 2 fumigation machines and 150 gum boots for the frontline health workers at Government Medical College Pariyaram, Kannur, Kerala.

**SEEDS needs your kind support for reaching out to 1 million persons in underprivileged communities across India**

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Every morning of Archana used to begin watching hustle & bustle of people on the roads and streets, while she used to be equally engrossed in her daily chore of preparing cardamom tea for passer-by’s, at her dingy tea stall corner, in Noida. She enjoyed the routine, that gave her the dignity of earning for her family. She lived a contended, though hard life, but not anymore!

The onset of COVID-19 brought violent turns in the life of Archana. With the newfound protocols, safety gears and guidelines, people have now started distancing themselves from such spots. “I opened my shop after so many months but it seems, the world has changed now. It is not the same as I knew it a few months back. The people are scared to eat and consume at small shops like mine. They are scared to even come closer in fear of catching the infection,” says Archana. With a huge family to look after, Archana is now in despair that how will she survive? She has been recently found by the team members of SEEDS. SEEDS registered her for the distribution and called her at the spot in Noida to collect it.

After receiving the grains and hygiene items, Archana expressed gratitude to the entire team and signed off quoting, "I won’t say that I am strong enough to not bother about my future but I believe that organisations like SEEDS bring the hope of a better future for people like us."

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**REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

More than 3 lakh lives touched across 11 states of India

1. **5.3 million meals distributed in ration**
2. **Over 24,650 families received essential hygiene kits**
3. **7898 PPE kits for frontline health workers to keep them safe**

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