

## **Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK)**

Nashratpur, Gaibandha  
Bangladesh

### **Flood Situation Report- 04**

Date: August 31, 2008

The water of all rivers flowing over Gaibandha district was receding last week but it has started swelling again since August 28, 2008 last due to rain and onrush of water from the upstream. The river water of the Brahmaputra is flowing 50 centimeters and Ghagot 14 cm over the danger mark till writing this report. Continuous river erosion is going on with swelling of river water. About 2200 char (river Island) dwellers of 4 Upazilas marooned of this district. 549 families have taken shelter in different high places and flood shelters leaving their houses. So far, a total of 902 families (including 60 families this week) have become victims to river erosion. About 1295 acres standing *Aman* crops and *Aman* seedbeds have gone under water by this time. The water level of the rivers is increasing rapidly but still the level of water in flowing 1 foot below the last year flood level.

Some parts of Kuthipara and Baniarjan of Gaibandha Municipality and Boali Union are inundated due to the breach of the Sonail embankment last week. Hence 320 families get marooned. Besides, 518 families of Mollarchar, Gidari, Kamarjani, Ghagoa Union of Sadar Upazila marooned and 16 families have become victims to river erosion. A total of 158 acres standing *Aman* crops and seedbeds have gone under water of these areas. About 100 families of Kamarjani and Mollarchar Union have taken shelter in different high places and flood shelter.

In Fulchari upazila, 425 families of Gazaria, Fulchari, Kanchipara, Arendabari, Uria and Udakhali Union marooned and 91 families have become victims to river erosion here.

In Sundarganj Upazila, 1555 families of Belka, Tarapur, Haripur, Chandipur and Kapasia remain marooned by floodwater. 15 families have become utterly helpless by river erosion and 56 taken shelter in flood shelters and other 105 families in different places. Apart from this, standing *Aman* crops and seed beds are affected.

In Shaghat upazila, 128 families of Hasilkandi and Sathalia village under Shaghata union, 110 families of Chakpara under Ghuridaha Union have become victims to river erosion. Besides, some families of Shaghata, Haldia,, Ghuridaha and Bharatkhal Union get marooned.

GUK is keenly observing the flood situation and maintaining contact with GO and NGOs. GUK has already started its responsive activities through collecting information, keep ready rescue boats, staff and volunteers to face flood. By this time, GUK distributed Tk 17,39,500 to 497 river eroded families (Tk. 3,500 per family) of Gaibandha Sadar and Fulchar Upazila.

The present condition of river water stated below:

<b>Name of river</b>	<b>Danger Mark</b>	<b>Present Mark</b>
<b>Bramhaputra</b>	<b>19.817</b>	<b>20.32</b>
<b>Ghagat</b>	<b>21.700</b>	<b>21.84</b>
Karotoa	20.145	18.70
Teesta	25.134	24.92

Source: WDB, Gaibandha Date: August 31, 2008

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