

FLOOD SITUATION REPORT 2008

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Longtime Stagnant:

In Sirajgon District the flood water crossed the danger level on 29th August 2008. Since then, the people have been marooned. It is about 10 days they are surrounded by water. It has made their live miserable. The water level fall on 02.09.08 and again started to raise from 04.09.8. As of yesterday (07.09.08) the level was flowing 58 cm above the danger level. Though from yesterday to today (08.09.08) 6:00 AM the water level fall 3 cm but on the one hand the rate is very low and on the other hand the sufferings of the people has not decreased.



No Employment

The longer period of flood has created negative impact on employment. The people have no work in their hand at this moment and very few scope to get employment within a shorter period of time, as the crops have damaged. The people, especially the day labourers are the most sufferers. The people are passing their day in idle. In the mean time they have used their family savings and now started to get loan from others.



Crisis of Food

The people, who live on daily labour and live hand to mouth have started to facing food crisis, as the storage food in their family have finished. Dry food has also finished. Crisis of firewood is also eminent, as they are unable to collect new firewoods, which hampers the food preparation and water purification.



Water borne Diseases

The crisis of baby food is also found. Most of the educational institutions in the flood affected area are closed. Due to lack of safe drinking water and safe sanitation facilities diarrhoea and other water borne diseases started to break out.



Shortage of Fodder

The people have taken shelter in nearby flood shelters and raised grounds with their belongings including domestic animals. Along with the food crisis, fodder crisis is also eminent.



Erosion

Erosion is serious problem. This year the River Jamuna has become more voracious. any places erosion turned serious; so far 2285 families have been eroded. In this situation emergency food and non-food support as well as rehabilitation programme is essential for the victims.



Inundation of Weaving Looms

Sirajgonj is prominent for looms. But due to flood many looms have inundated. As a result many looms have been closed. The small owners are badly affected. The weaving labourers have lost their employment and the owners have lost income. After several days the loom's materials will be destroyed.



Date	Water Level	
	Morning	Evening
28.08.08	13.69 m.	13.73 m.
29.08.08	13.80 m.	13.82 m.
30.08.08	13.85 m.	13.92 m.
31.08.08	14.03 m.	14.12 m.
01.09.8	14.17 m.	14.22 m.
02.09.08	14.23 m.	14.20 m.
03.09.08	14.18 m.	14.16 m.
04.09.08	14.16 m.	14.18 m.
05.09.08	14.24 m.	14.26 m.
06.09.08	14.28 m.	14.31 m.
07.09.08	14.33 m.	14.31 m.
08.09.08	14.30 m.	

Information Source: WAPDA, Sirajgonj



Table-2: At a glance Flood affected/damage status:

Name of Upazila	Total Union	Affected			Damage				Flood Shelter		Remarks
		union	# HH	Population	Crops (Acor)	Roads (km)	Bridge /Culvert	House	# of Flood Shelter	Populati on sheltered	
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
1. Sirajganj Sadar	10	6	2750	12,300	750	3	0	1310	12	3500	Due to river erosion 2 villages have totally been eroded where about 250 families have been eroded. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
2. Kazipur	13	9	5570	35000	1500	10	1	3500	11	5700	People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house.
3. Chawhali	7	6	8590	50300		17	0	5000	12	8000	Due to river erosion 10 villages have totally been eroded where about 1250 families have been eroded. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
4. Shahjadpur	13	7	5000	22000	1200	8	0	800	9	2000	Due to river erosion 750 families have eroded. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
5. Belkuchi	6	4	3990	5300	800	11	0	480	5	1800	Due to river erosion 176 families have eroded. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
6. Ullahpara	13	11	6000	17000	1750	8	0	2000	6	2200	School cum flood shelter and other peoples house. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
7. Tarash	8	6	2500	7500	750	5	0	1350	2	700	School cum flood shelter and other peoples house. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
8. Raiganj	9	3	1500	4000	900	9	0	565	2	400	School cum flood shelter and other peoples house. People have taken shelter in school cum flood shelter and other peoples house
9. Kakarkhond	4	2	81	350	350	0	0	35	0	70	
Total	82	54	35981	153,750	5750	71	1	15040	59	24370	



Upazila wise affected Union and household shown in the below table:

District	Upazila	#s of Affected UP/PS	Name of Affected Union/Ward	# of affected HHs	# of badly affected HHs
Sirajgonj	Sirajgonj Sadar	5	Meshra, Kawoakhola, Ratankandi, Songacha, Khokshabari and Pourashava	2500	1200
	Kazipur	9	Natuarpara, Chargrish, Nischintopur, Tekani, Khash Rajbari, Monsurnagar, Kazipur Sadar, Pourashava and Majjbari	4600	2100
	Chowhali	7	Stall, Omarpur and Ghorzan	8500	2900
	Shahazadpur	8	Kojjuri, Sonatoni, Rupbati, Porjana, Beltoli, Narina, Potazia and Gala	5000	1500
	Belkuchi	4	Belkuchi Sadar, Bardul, Daulatpur and Rajapur	3500	1200
	Ullahpara	11	Bangala, Barahar, Bara Pangashi, Durganagar, Mohanpur, Panchokurshi, Purnimagat, Ramkrishnopur, Udhunia, Salap and Ullahpara	6000	2000
	Tarash	6	Talom, Magurabinod, Baruhas, Saguna and Tarash.	2500	800
	Raigonj	3	Brahmagacha, Pangashi and Nalka.	1500	900
	Kamarkhond	1	Bhadroghat	81	40
Total		53		34181	12640

Disaster Emergency Response by the Local Administration of Sirajgonj District:

As per on 05.09.08 local administration (DRRO) distributed 83 MT rice among the flood victims of Sirajganj Sadar, Shajadpur, Kazipur and Bulkuchi Upazila. The District Administration has started to collect flood information from 05.09.08. According to Govt. sources (DRRO) 25 Unions and 8244 HH severely affected, 23.5 km road partly damaged and 4940 houses, 6 educational institutions and 1 bridge damaged. The administration has also allocated 50,000 take to provide dry food among the flood victims.

NDP's Emergency Response Activities:

In response to the flood 2008, with the support of DFID under Chars Livelihoods Programme (CLP) NDP and other 2 partner are distributing bucket and water purifying powder PO among the flood victims of Belkuchi, Sirajgonj Sadar, Shajadpur, Chouhalia and Kazipur Union. NDP has made available 7 engine boats and more than hundred volunteers to work in any situation. NDP has installed several sanitation latrines in flood shelters, in order to facilitate safe sanitation needs.

Condition and emergency needs of the affected people:

It seems that the flood has been longer. Food is depleting quickly, as the people have no work. Thus affected poor people are unable to manage their daily essential commodities causing lack of money and are living in a very miserable condition. The said flood victims need the emergency food support, ORS, essential medicine and sanitation facilities. On the other hand baby food and cattle feed support is also very much essential. At the same time, the peoples need to be supported with fencing/shed materials like- tent/plastic sheet/polythene paper as they could temporarily manage their shelter immediately. NDP is also keeping close contact with the District, Upazila and union DMC and the local administration. It advised all the staff and volunteers to send flood situational information/repot on a regular basis. In the humanitarian ground to serve the essential needs of the flood affected people both the GO/NGOs need to continued their services to the affected people in the area of food, drinking water, medical service with medicine, shelter and other essential commodities.



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