

**BREAKING NEWS:**

**ODISHA MAROONED WITH HEAVY FLOODS AFFECTING 19 DISTRICTS!**



At Basantpur in Delango block of Puri District, a massive 150 feet trench formed due to flood in Daya river. (Photo credit: Dharitri )

Floods affecting Odisha state in every monsoon is a common sight. However, this year's flood situation of Odisha looks disastrous ! A 'national disaster' like situation looms large! The following figures and situation report (sitrep) shared by our partner, the SPHERE India will enable us to assess the gravity of the flood situation in the flood prone state.

More than 10 lakh people of **578 G.Ps** in **85 blocks** in **19 districts** of Odisha have been affected with the severe flood. Out of 19 districts, 13 districts are highly alerted. 10,565 houses are damages in the flood. Lakhs of people have been evacuated to safer and higher places. There are reports of water logging in several places and disruption of communications due to over flowing of floodwater on roads. Rivers in **19 districts** are flowing above the danger level. 9,71,382 cusecs of water is flowing through **59 gates** of Hirakud dam with a volume of inflow of 9,20,558 cusecs. Many villages have been marooned.



The Khorda-Balangir National Highway is flooded with 6-8 feet water. Photo credit: dharitri News

The water level in Hirakud dam has soared due to the heavy rains. Major rivers flowing across the state Baitarani, Brahmani, Subarnarekha, Jalaka, Chitrotpala, Kathjodi, Kuakhai, Budhabalanga, Devi, Chitrotpala, Daya, Kushabhadra, Biluakhai, Bhargabi, Luna, Dhanua, Birupa, Genguti and Mahanadi are on spate.

- 19 districts i.e Sambalpur, Subarnapur, Boudh, Jharsugudah, Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Cuttack, Khordha, Nayagarh, Puri and Bargarh, are worst affected.
- 80,720 hector cultivated land submerged.
- 5000 people evacuated from low lying areas to safer place
- 17 dead and many missing
- 21 major breaches in the embankments on rivers.

**CASA'S FLOOD RELIEF & RESPONSE IN ODISHA:** The government and Non-government organizations are working at a war footing to address the heavy floods in Odisha. CASA too as an important Humanitarian Aid organization has taken the situation very seriously. CASA is planning to mobilize resources and its staff to respond to the floods. 16 CASA staff are already in the ground, including the DMTF (Disaster Mitigation Task Force) trained by us, assessing and working on coordination with other like minded organizations on the flood relief & response initiatives. Given below is a brief plan of CASA's response to the floods in Odisha.

Sl. No.	District	No. of Families	Relief Intervention
01.	Puri	5,000	Shelter, clothing, food and nutrition
02.	Jagatsinghpur	4,500	-do-
03.	Kendrapada	500	-do-
<b>Total</b>		<b>10,000</b>	

We appeal every one to support us in these initiatives and pray for the victims affected by the massive flood in one of the most vulnerable states of India. We shall keep you updated on our response to the flood victims.

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