

Flood Causes havoc in Southern Gujarat: 190,000 affected people in Relief Camps

Gujarat is adversely affected by flood as the torrential rain continued to lash the state for 12th day.

1.	No. of district affected	8
	No. of Villages affected	1454
	No. of deaths	Above 247
	No. of people shifted	190,000
	Loss of property	1 billion US \$

The Indian Express reports that over 190,000 people were evacuated from South Gujarat including Surat. Tapti river has submerged 60 percent of the city due to heavy rains in the catchments areas of many rivers.

Over 150,000 people have been evacuated from Surat since yesterday. Over 800,000 cusecs of water was released from Ukai dam. 60% of Surat city is submerged in flooding water and the situation is going to worsen as another 1 million cusecs of water has to released from Ukai dam.

In some places the Tapti river is flowing 20 feet over the danger line. The situation is same in Vadodara district too where 120,000 people have been evacuated fearing the worse flood situation.

The HCC is providing relief and rehabilitation in Vadodara district. The flood situation in Vadodara and Surat worsening day by day as more than 120,000 people have been evacuated to various relief camps. More than 130 villages have been totally submerged in flooding water.

There is a cry of the people for food, safe drinking water, medical treatment, shelters, warm cloths and urgent relief supplies.

In this dire situation the HCC has started its relief and rehabilitation work in Vadodara district of Gujarat.

The district officials have requested HCC to help the people in various relief camps for the immediate supply of food grains, to feed flood affected victims in various camps, warm cloths, tin sheets, drinking water and medicine.

Priorities and Action taken by HCC:

1. **Provision for food:** The Government officials have requested HCC to provide food for 2800 people. On the basis of priority we have started feeding program from August 8th itself for 2800 affected people. We are giving them Khichadi which is easy to make and distribute.
2. **Provision for milk for children, kerosene stoves & lantern, blankets** which is immediate requirement.
3. **Providing medical treatment to the flood affected people:** The HCC disaster medical relief team has moved to Vadodara under the leadership of Dr. Indira Ben and Dr. Devi Ben with the help of Shram Mandir Trust and Swadeshi Trust. They are 16 in the team with nurses, lab technicians, para medical staff. We are in cooperation with district health officer of Vadodara and Surat.
4. **Provision of shelters:** for the flood affected people. In the pouring rain people are standing without shelter. They need tin sheets to make provision for the shelter.

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