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Chopra Relief Camp, Jalgaon

A Brief Report of the relief and Rehabilitation work in Chopra, Jalgaon

1. The background:

The whole of Khandesh region experienced unprecedented heavy rainfall in July 16th to 19th. The Jalgaon district was submerged in rain water. More than 400 people lost their lives and 250,000 people were displaced. It is estimated the loss of property is worth Rs. 1 billion. It is reported that 116 villages are most affected including the Jalgaon district and Khandesh region.

In these 116 villages 90% of the houses have been washed away by flash flood. The situation was so worse that the Army had to move in to rescue the people from the marooned villages. 250,000 people were rescued by the Army and other organisations, who are working in that area including HCC.

The Cotton crops which was ready to be harvested was totally washed away in this grave flood. Many farmers are struggling to survive in the past years and number of them have committed suicide as not able to cope with the crop failure. Now their ready crop itself was washed away which will be very difficult for them to accept.

2. The Present Situation:

The life in Chopra is slowly coming back to normalcy after the flood as the HCC is providing help to the flood affected people in villages of Chopra. The HCC's work is appreciated by all. Yesterday Mr. R. R. Patil, the Deputy Chief minister of Maharashtra visited the flood affected areas and appreciated the relief and rehabilitation work done by HCC with the help of MCCS and SMC. We will also forward the appreciation letter by the District Collector.

The HCC is involved in following relief and rehabilitation activities:

- 1) Community kitchen for 4,500 people in various places of in around Chopra. These places are Rampura, SaneGuruji Nagar, Biladi and Samaja Nagar. These are the relief camps assigned to us by the Government officials.

- 2) The HCC is providing medical help in villages to the people affected by floods. So far we have provided help to 2990 patients who are affected by Malaria, Influenza and Chicken Guniea. In the Medical team we have 2 doctors and 8 volunteers who are regularly visiting these villages and providing medical help. We are receiving good help from the Chief Medical Officer of the district.
- 3) We have made provision for emergency relief sets for 500 families. This sets include basic 25 items of day to day needs. People who had nothing due to flood, now they have something to depend upon.
- 4) The HCC has Provided tins, Tarpaulins and wooden frame for temporary shelters for 600 families.
- 5) We have also provided 3000 note books to Municipal School children as part of rehabilitation for these children to go back to their schools.

The work of HCC is appreciated by all the Government Officials, affected people and others as the need was vast and HCC came forward to help the flood affected people. Our thanks to MCCS and SMC for their timely help.

Sincerely Submitted ,

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