

EFICOR'S RESPONSE TO ASSAM FLOODS

Current Situation in Assam:

The flood waters are beginning to recede but the road to recovery is a long way off for the people of Assam, India. EFICOR has started the flood relief work in Cachar district of Assam where there are shortages of food, water, and medicine. To date, there are 15,117 people including 5,670 women and 2,733 children who are compelled to stay in government-run relief camps. The government relief camps are held in government primary schools and people are facing problems of sanitation such as toilets, clean water and lack of enough dry places to sleep. For women and young children in particular, the inadequacy of shelter, overcrowding in camps, and poorly maintained public toilets are serious concerns. Those who are not in the shelter camps are staying in wet and damp houses. The agricultural land continues to be waterlogged and farmers may not be able to cultivate for some time.



EFICOR Work Update:

EFICOR has selected the three worst-affected revenue circles of Cachar district namely, Lakhipur, Silchar, and Borkholla to distribute relief kits. There are 72 villages still in need of relief essentials. A 3-member relief team led by the Zonal Implementer-East India has reached Assam and started the relief work. EFICOR will provide emergency relief to 5,000 families with food and non-food items according to Sphere standards.



Coordination with local Organizations:

The EFICOR staffs have been coordinating with NEICORD, a relief and development organization in the North East, and Khalsa NGO in order to carry out a smooth relief operation. There is regular contact with NEICORD and Khalsa for better coordination, sharing of information, and avoiding duplication.



Formation of Local Relief Committee:

A local relief committee consisting of 8 members from faith-based organizations has been formed to offer help and

guidance in the relief operation. The members have been assigned different roles and they meet every alternate days for review and planning.

Coordination with District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA):

EFICOR relief team met the CEO of DDMA - Cachar, Mr. Yuvraj, and informed him about EFICOR’s relief work and sought his input. They have given valuable information on affected areas in need, essential items required, and shared information about commodity supply chain.

Selection and Orientation of Volunteers:

In coordination with NEICORD and the local relief committee, 20 volunteers have been selected from the community as they are well aware of the people and context of the village location and community. The volunteers were given orientation on the relief process and trained on data collection using the KOBO survey app to collect beneficiaries’ lists and family information.



Data collection and finalization of Vendors:

Data collection by volunteers has started which will continue for a few more days. The vendors have been finalized and a procurement order has been given. The packing of relief kits is in progress.

	Partners	Approved/Assured (in INR)	Target Families
1	ERIKS	8,000,000	2,200
2	CEDAR FUND	1,732,236	500
3	Kerk in Actie	1,768,586	515
4	Tear Belgium	140,741	40
	Total	11,641,563	3255
	Planned Target in INR	17,588,445	5000
	To be raised in INR	5,946,882	1745

Future Plans:

- Data collection will continue. Preparation of relief cards and relief card distribution will begin.
- Relief distribution in the selected locations.
- Coordination of DDMA will continue on a regular basis.

