



### A brief update on the Situation:

Seasonal monsoon rains, which typically occur from June to September, are crucial for India's agricultural and water needs. However, they also bring with them the risk of deaths and property damage every year. In recent years, India has witnessed increasingly extreme weather events, with the current year's monsoon season following an intense heatwave that affected much of North India.

This year's heavy rains in North India have triggered landslides and floods, leading to the tragic loss of over 145 lives across six states, including Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, and Uttarakhand with many still missing according to the report of India Today, July 14, 2023. The floods have caused extensive waterlogging due to the continuous downpour. In response to the danger, people residing near rivers have evacuated their homes and sought refuge in makeshift tents or temporary shelters in safer locations.

Unfortunately, many of these displaced individuals had to leave their houses with limited resources, creating concerns about their safety and well-being, particularly lacking access to food, water, and proper shelter. Authorities and relief organizations are working to address these challenges by providing necessary assistance as per their capacity and limitation. However, the situation remains challenging for the affected communities as they are in compound need.



### EFICOR's Response:

Given the impacts of floods in North India, EFICOR decided to respond in the worst affected states like Delhi, Punjab, Himachal, and Uttarakhand. The affected people were contacted through trained volunteers, EFICOR Training partners/trainees, Sphere Network members, and individuals in the affected region, and conducted a Rapid Assessment for developing a plan for responding to the people's needs in these locations. The following

items are listed as per the needs assessment and are being distributed. 270 kits have been received by the flood affected community in Usmanpur as on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023. A relief response team headed by Mr Jitu Kumar and 5 more EFICOR staffs and 5 volunteers are involved in the response. The need identified through the rapid assessment has come out with strong recommendations for an emergency response to the affected families. As per the need assessment EFICOR team, a list of items to be delivered was finalised for the affected families in Delhi and in other locations, but later it was decided to go for unconditional cash transfers in other location as the road's communication are not fully restored due to landslide and continuous rain. Therefore, providing unconditional transfer to the affected people in Punjab, Himachal, and Uttarakhand would benefit the affected families promptly.

### The following are the items listed for the emergency response:

- Food Basket (food and non-food items) and Health Care Kit:** - The assessment team visited the flood-affected area near the Yamuna River in Northeast Delhi on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and discovered that numerous families are seeking shelter in community centres with limited amenities. While the Delhi government is providing two cooked meals and water, the community has expressed concerns about meeting their hygiene needs during this difficult time. Many of the affected individuals were previously engaged in rag picking and labour work, but they have lost their livelihood due to the floods. As a result, they are now in need of dry ration kits to sustain themselves for at least a month. Providing these kits is crucial to help them survive and cope with the aftermath of the floods, as they work towards rebuilding their lives and communities. Efforts to support and assist these families in their time of need are of utmost importance.



**2. Unconditional Cash Support (families):** The assessment team, stationed in various states such as Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, has reported that road communication to the affected communities remains problematic. Considering this situation, the team suggested that providing unconditional cash transfers would be a more effective and flexible solution. By offering financial support, the affected individuals can have the autonomy to procure materials and resources according to their specific needs and priorities. This approach ensures that they have the freedom to address their immediate requirements, such as food and essential items, most suitably and efficiently, while also promoting local economic activity and self-sufficiency during the recovery process.

### Flood Response Updates:

EFICOR has a plan to support 5000 households in Delhi, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh through dry ration baskets or unconditional cash transfers. The project budget for this humanitarian response is INR 1,86,78,947/- and so far, EFICOR has received assurance of INR 68,64,633/- with this assurance EFICOR has started the relief intervention on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Delhi.

### # Food and Sanitary Items Support

EFICOR has identified a suitable supplier for the procurement of sanitary items (sanitary pads, biscuits, mixture, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, and mosquito net) and distributed them to 270 households.

### # Unconditional Cash Transfers

The team in Punjab has identified 400 most needy households who will be supported through unconditional cash transfer of INR 3,500. The relief team will deploy the Kobo tool to collect beneficiaries' details for verification and record.

The supporting partners are in contact for final approval of the targeted response in various locations.



### Praise and Prayer Points

- Praise God for the Emergency Relief Team that dedicated their hectic schedule alongside their existing official responsibilities.
- Praise God for the positive responses from our supporting partners for this intervention.
- Praise God for the various supports the displaced persons received so far from Churches, agencies, families, and individuals.
- Pray for the needed funds/resources to meet the target people.



- Pray for the daily emotional and financial needs of the displaced people.
- Pray for the relief team for smooth and timely deliveries of emergency relief support to the intended families and persons.

**Fund Status**

	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>Total Assured</b>	<b>To be Raised</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Approval Pending</b>
	<b>2,36,28,406 INR</b>	<b>70,14,633.00 INR</b>	<b>1,66,13,773 INR</b>		
	<b>Supporting Partner</b>	<b>Assured amount</b>			
1	Tearfund Australia	16,50,000.00		16,50,000	
2	Cedar fund	14,76,000.00		14,76,000	
3	Individual (Jeffery)	41,000.00		41,000	
4	ERIKs	6,30,030.00		6,30,030.00	
5	World Renew	12,30,000.00		12,30,000.00	
6	Tearfund UK	13,60,000.00			13,60,000.00
		62,37,030.00			

EFICOR team will collaborate and coordinate with other Govt. and NGOs for ensuring the effective reach of humanitarian response to the affected families. It has already started engaging local leaders and volunteers to expediate process of emergency response.

