

# SITUATION REPORT

## SOUTH ASIA FLOODING



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BANGLADESH/ INDIA/ NEPAL

### SITUATION

At the height of the monsoon season, the prolonged rainfall has caused widespread flooding and landslide in the South Asian countries of India, Nepal and Bangladesh, affecting millions of families in the region. In India, the overflow of the Brahmaputra river, resulted in major floods in the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur, located in northeast India.

The Assam floods have claimed 69 lives, and nearly one million people were affected with the loss or damaged homes and livelihoods, in what was considered the worst flooding disaster in recent years.

In Nepal, monsoon rains in the southern plains of Nepal, in the Terai region, resulted in 120 casualties and over 50,000 homes were destroyed or damaged.

And in Bangladesh, the northern, southern and eastern region of the country experienced severe flooding and landslides which affected almost 1.7 million people in the country.



### RESPONSE

In India, Lutheran Disaster Response, through Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT), provided relief to 100 families who were most affected by the floods, rebuilt village infrastructure in two villages and recovered livelihood for families, and establish two community based organizations which will oversee the communities' disaster preparedness plan.

In Nepal, Lutheran Disaster Response, through LWF Nepal, implemented a six-month project to accompany 798 people impacted by the flooding in Santhal communities located in the Jhapa district of Nepal. The support went towards projects such as; establishing safe drinking water, home improvements, cash-for-work programs, and children's education.

In Bangladesh, Lutheran Disaster Response, through Rangpur-Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS), implemented a six-month project to provide immediate relief to 1,500 families from districts of Nageshwari, Kaliganj, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat who were affected by the severe floods. The pre-organized relief distributions consist of various foods items that are transported by boat to the communities.



Resident of Siswani Jahadha-4 Morang carries her daughter Bindya Tudu and the relief materials on her head

### ONE MORE THING...



Photo: Y. Franklin Ishida

In spring of 2015, two 7+ magnitude earthquakes rocked Nepal causing mass destruction and high numbers of casualties. Lutheran Disaster Response responded with immediate support and now, more than two years later we are still working with local partners to help to rebuild communities and improve lives.

"Before any of us, it is the people saving people. That happens not when you have resilient buildings. That happens when you have resilient people." - Dr. Prabin Manandhar, LWF-Nepal



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