

Humanitarian Situation Report (SitRep 1)

Odisha Cyclone “FANI” (3rd May 2019, 1400 HRS)

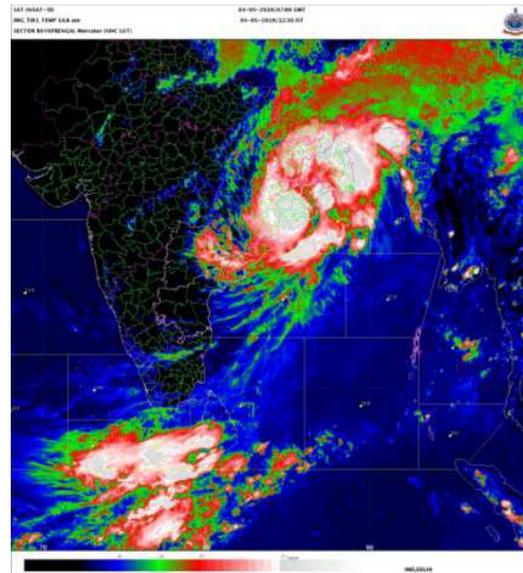
Instructions: This Situation Report should be compiled in case the overall social, political, military or humanitarian situation changes in your country.

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1. Overall description of the significant change in the situation at the national level (i.e., social/political/military situation, weather patterns, or events in a neighboring country affecting your country situation)

Extremely Severe Cyclonic storm ‘FANI’ over West-Central Bay of Bengal, which stated to be first severe cyclonic storm to have formed in April in India’s oceanic neighbourhood since 1976, gained strength and moved closer to Odisha coast. The cyclone made landfall close to Puri, Odisha state between 8AM – 11 AM with a sustained wind speed of **175-185 kmph gusting to 205 kmph**. After the landfall, it weakened into a very severe cyclonic storm and affected Bhubaneswar (the capital city of Odisha state). It is very likely to emerge into Gangetic West Bengal as a Severe Cyclonic Storm with wind speed of 90-100 Kmph gusting to 115 Kmph by early morning of 4th May. It is very likely to move further north-northeastwards and emerge into Bangladesh on 4th May evening as a Cyclonic Storm with wind speed 60-70 Kmph gusting to 80 Kmph. The worst affected district is Puri and **3 confirmed deaths** reported by media, which is expected to rise. (Source: India Meteorological Department – IMD).



The Odisha state government evacuated 1.15 million people across 18 districts and sheltered in 6564 cyclone shelters. Free kitchen started for them. 24,889 numbers of tourists have been safely evacuated from Puri, Ganjam, Cuttack and Balasore districts. Nearly 4.5 lakh polythene sheets have been prepositioned and 100,000 food packets have been prepared and kept ready for air dropping, if required. Cyclone warnings have been delivered through different medium and 55 satellite phones have been provided to Districts. The government has deployed 48 National and State Disaster Response Forces to undertake rescue and relief operationa. NGOs and community level volunteers have been engaged for public preparedness and relief efforts.

2. Description of the current humanitarian situation in ChildFund operational areas (including name of the program areas and number of sponsored/enrolled children and families affected)

ChildFund has subsidy program presence in both Puri and Kendrapara districts. We are able to establish contact with the LP (VARRAT) in Kendrapara who has been supporting local administration in evacuation and relief efforts at the safe shelters. The LP are safe and take refuge at safe shelters. **The LP has made provision of CCS with some play materials at the evacuation shelter and children are access them.** As per LP, the wind speed at Kendrapara is above 100 kmph and all the task force members of CCDRR project villages are on high alert and supporting the local administration. We are unable to contact our LP in Puri district, which is the worst affected district. Once the wind speed reduces / stops then the damage reports will be slowly received from different sources.



ChildFund Bhubaneswar zonal office is affected and the staff are advised to be indoors as the wind speed is more than 150 kmph. We are in constant touch with zonal office team and getting updates from them on the impact of the cyclone and rainfall.

3. Description of actual or possible impact on ChildFund programs and operations

The impact of the cyclone in ChildFund program areas is yet to be ascertained. Our colleagues at zonal office are on standby to undertake rapid assessments. **However, based on the wind speed and the vulnerability of the affected areas, it is suspected that our program areas as well as its neighbouring areas would have sustained impact needing humanitarian assistance.**

4. Description of planned, desired or ongoing ChildFund response

Not Applicable at this moment.

5. Coordination mechanisms set up by the government and/or United Nations that ChildFund has participated in:

ChildFund India is participating in all coordination meetings both at State and National level. Our zonal office colleagues attended three coordination meetings organised by the State Inter Agency Group (IAG) as well as Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA). The Program Manager – DRM has attended the Inter Agency Coordination (IAC) call organised by Sphere at National level to share and get updates on the cyclone. There is an IAC



call is planned for 4th May 2019 to discuss on the joint rapid needs assessment and its way forward. *Photo: GO-NGO Coordination meeting*