

ORISSA - cyclone/disaster response

Orissa UNICEF

DM 9.2 (1)

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Map of disaster - each dist/block - from 2nd every village nearby
for drinking water, sanit, clothes, food
for immediate relief.

RF/DM-3/ORI-1/SUDHA

NGOs marked out areas to avoid dupli + for equitable work (1)

NGO network - Orissa Disaster Mitigation Mission - to coordinate smaller NGOs
under CTSO - ~~Expenditure~~

evenings meeting & exchange of inf.

- WHO, WFP/Kropi, FAO, UNDA

- UNICEF Office - now UN House - a semi permanent arrangement
for 2 years.

Death toll - abt 1L

- central govt trying to underplay
∴ it does not want international aid

- state govt - underplaying emergency

Wind speed - 250-300 km/hr - super cyclone

- tidal waves - up to 15-(30) km inland

↳ 6-7 meters high (30ft)

responsible for most deaths

died & hands outstretched

more children / old

wind snatched out babies/children

Baybeek in plants, W Bengal - relatives

Salinity - desalination / seeds that grow
in saline soils / saline resistant
in Turgandun. come in 1990s

Top soil washed away
Sand banks created

(2)

wasteland - trees / grass / ecological change
birds wiped out / wiping out predators? ↑ pest

carcasses, stagnant water, houses - the middle - people have
to wade through

drowning of cattle

infrastructure washed away - roads, electricity, telecom
will take a long time to restore

HAM awareness low in Orissa

Army - came on 1st - from Ranchi formation
reforce - food shopping missions from WB
rice, chuda, candles, matches, salt

Meena Gupta - HITSec
flaps put up in villages
people desperate
inaccessible villages for 2-3 weeks

Nov. Havesⁿ lost - small dead animals

Govt response - long delay - no comm. + mismanp
- vacuum - in price / health / all
- breakdown in law + order - stopping vehicles
looting for food, stealing at Rupsi port
whole warehouse of CRP looted,
convoys looted, AP relief looted out of Cuttack -
Bhubaneswar
Govt health machinery - defunct, d/s disappeared
Med. college disorganized - Cuttack (best of 3 colleges)
Bhubaneswar - "can they go after Dinakhi"
D/c from AP.

Vishakhapatnam municipality sent a team.

AP disaster preparedness is good, - team knew what to do
Sent police team

Health - injuries - just few days. ^{body}
- diarrhoea ^{carcasses disposed difficult!}

bury diff. ∴ dump

Recessed went off market

diff. to lift - ∴ they disintegrated

Armed Marine Union for Relief AMUR

very good - simple
no funds

RSS

Army very good work in control. ∴ NGOs of SJMC did
maintained law & order. - very efficient in communication

lost by police - stopped by army ^{carcasses/corpses disposal}

Navy sent ships & supplies to Paradise park - cleared park
by hunted side.

Tajal Singhpur + Kandrappa badly hit
Leven = previous cyclone

Outbreak of diseases - what was expected did not happen.
only focal outbreaks.

Bleeding palm - freshets of water

for 6/7 of water a metal box

children endemic -

Pulse in A - just read a few days before cyclone
hardly any infections

there were some outbreaks of measles.

organizing wild change in diesel generators
psychosocial stress - shock, paralyzed mentally, numbed
not willing to get on with life
- no overt grief

better off simpler relief

poorer left out - do not use - need to reach those people
just

There was a State Disaster Plan in theory,
large scale abdication of responsibility
positive misuse - Relief Committees

become a political issue -

- only central govt can make an international appeal
- CM's appeal put down by centre
- UNICEF pulled up.

New Governor - Rajendran - exterraneous, worked
UNICEF before - too early to say

- relief supplies - brought in (MLAs/MPs)

George Fernandez + Co started - when they came in helicopter

Role of political parties of all shades - disgusting
BJD - Biju Janata Dal

NGOs - no per popⁿ - is very heavy.

1/4 Bengali 1/4 Khasi 1/4 Tamil 1/4 Dravid
in poor localities of Bhutanese area

- mainly on paper

Centre for Youth +
Solid Dev
CYSD

- esp in health - is getting meaningful change
- not very good track record
- not well organized
- 40 nodal points

Some working on their own - not v. coordinated

UNICEF wanted CHAI infrastr. for mapping/surveillance
practise not interested in clinical work - v. unreasonable
state nurses - came + went on a retreat

leplazard work.

RA only to get ds/medicines
big fish - small fish.

CARITAS - used maps

- insensitive mapping - did not go to field
not enough - worse

Process unprepared for SPMC Dr's " we did not ask you to come

2 trips - 1 to Kendrapada

1 to Topalsingpur (in Paradise island) 1

CHAI inst - Bethany
Comment

No other work for 2 days -

So Sanyas started working in Am

did not accept leadership of pract who came 2 days later

Kendrapada team - intense workload, people happy
heated arguments at Archbishop's House

Orissa has only 23 cyclone shelters - all built by
Green Villages - Panjab Red Cross

- Kendrapada - To came to Orissa in 1971
after cyclone

CARITAS - built houses later

CHAT - got take up Disaster Preparedness

- taken up after letter but shelved

- clarify role vis a vis Diocese

- all funds then Diocese - introduced CHAT/ SJM/dn

Nirmala Niketan - offered help - turned down

165 team - went to Lutheran World Service

Xavier Institute of Theology

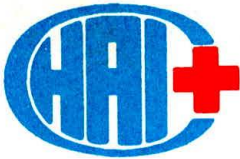
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Bishops - slow to move

- good leadership lacking,

Fr Basilio of VRO -

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Dear Dr Ravi Narayan,

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Hope this gives you a wider picture of the aftermath and relief operation that is taking place.

With warm regards,

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