

# INDIA FLOODS 2009 – October 21, 2009 report

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## Karnataka state

The AMURT Team in Karnataka is based in Siruguppa Taluk in Bellary district. The team started the operation on October 12 and have been working flat out ever since.

Field trips to the villages of Nadavi, old Nadavi, Havinad, Matur, T. S. Kutur at Siruguppa Taluk, Bellary dist Karnataka found most of them totally destroyed, Everything washed away with not a single house spared by the disaster. Everyone is crying for help. Everyone is lying in the street, crops being totally destroyed. It is urgent need to support them spiritually, mentally, physically, economically.

There are thousands of people are still without shelter lying at the road side. They have no shelter; no proper drinking water, no medicine, no security, no bathroom, toilet, and no proper food. They are absolutely homeless.

### Services rendered

AMURT & AMURTEL volunteers distribute dry foods, blankets, clothes, toiletries, digestive medicines and milk. We also provide acute medical care and psycho-social programs. In all up to 10,000 people are benefited daily.

The team are starting up a relief kitchen to respond to the huge number of people not getting even a daily meal.

### Current needs

- 1) Children Garments
- 2) Clothes for Ladies (sarees) & Gents (no old clothes please)
- 3) Regular Medical Services (need doctors and medical volunteers)
- 4) All kinds of Domestic utensils
- 5) Packed Food and Water
- 6) Disinfectants to prevent contagious diseases (lot of flies are around due to water stagnation and bad smell).
- 7) Bed sheets and Plastic Sheets.
- 8) Reading and Note Books for children (All the schools were also submerged by water and damaged)
- 9) Playing materials to Children (Now they are in small tents which are located on the road-side and no items to play)
- 10) Foot wear, chappals, shoes etc., for children and others
- 11) Voluntary participation to engage children for entertainment & play to bring back smiles on their faces.
- 12) Permanent Shelters - It would be inspiring if we can provide some proper houses in one village.
- 13) More volunteers for all these activities.

## Andhra Pradesh state

**AMURT AP**, has reached 8 villages in the first weeks after October 4. The worst affected villages were Vaishnava palli and Gumadam of (Nandi Kotkur Mandal, Kurnool dist), approx 120 kilometers interior from Kurnool Hyderabad highway (NH 7). These villages seemed to be a heap of ruins. Not a

single roof top is left safe. Not a single house is untouched; the municipal water tank which stands about 35 feet above the ground, as said by the residents was totally submerged for 4 days in water. In real sense the flood water was flowing above 30 feet in these areas.

As said by some of the village elders there “We have lived all our lives in shackles and when at last we got a proper house built under ‘Indiramma Houses’ (a govt. promoted construction of houses for poor program), we have not lived even for one year under these roofs and today we are not even left with the shackles.”

The village elders who are over 80 years they have never seen such a flood. AMURT team has distributed two utensils, lids for the utensils, a spoon, a saree, a dhoti, a blanket, 5 KG Rice, 250 gram tamarind, 1KG chana dal, a salt packet, 250 gm Chilli powder and 100 gm turmeric powder, jeera & rai, 1 kg cooking oil, one bath soap, one washing soap and one tooth paste per family.

### **MAHABOONAGAR District**

AMURT & AMURTEL(Ladies) has rendered Relief to most affected villages Mahaboobnagar & Kurnool districts thus benefitting thousands of people. AMURT distributed readymade food packets, biscuits, bread, fruits, Rice-Pulse-potato packet, Water bottle/Package, Cooking utensils, Clothes, bedsheets etc. to the affected and needy families.

**ALAMPUR town** – AMURT cleaned dead bodies, animal carcasses and took care of animals by giving vaccination to sheep, goats, cows, bulls etc. to protect them from diseases. AMURT & AMURTEL Volunteers were helping to restore normalcy. AMURT was carrying on service activities with full co-operation of Andhra Pradesh Government officials and staff.

**PEBBAR** - AMURT & AMURTEL distributed thousands of food packets, Biscuits, Children's Clothes, Sariis, dhotiis, Lungiis, Towels, Bedsheets, Medicine etc. to the residents of Pebbar Town. AMURT distributed readymade food packets & biscuit packets to the flood affected persons who were standing on the National no. 7 Kurnool Hyderabad High Way.

**PULLUR** Village which is on the bank of Tungabhadra River is of Mahaboobnagar District close to Kurnool Town. This village was worst affected. AMURT distributed food packets, biscuit packets, children's clothes, saris, dhotis, Lungiis, Towels, cooking utensils to the hundreds of families of Pullur and surrounding villages as well thus benefitting several thousands of people.

AMURT also rendered relief services in several other villages like Vasavi Nagar, Murari Dhoti, Krishna of Muktal Mandal, Rajoli village of Vaddepalli Mandal, Maddam of Narayanpet.

### **KURNOOL DISTRICT**

Food, clothes, bed sheets were also distributed in different villages of Kurnool and Mantralayam. In Kurnool Town a new type of service called Counseling services were carried on to remove the Trauma and Mental Shock of flood victims. This program was liked by everyone.

In all 40,000 water packets, 8000 Lemon Rice packets, 6000 Biscuits, 3000 buns and breads, 500 blankets, and heaps of old clothes in Mahboob Nagar and Kurnool districts in the first week of October 4 – 10, 2009.

We need more volunteers and funds to back up these large operations.