



INDIA DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF FUND, INC.

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BIHAR (INDIA) FLOODS APPEAL 2008

The flood situation in Bihar, India, this year has been the **worst in the living memory**, leaving thousands dead and rendering homeless and destroying crops, cattle and property worth billions. The hapless victims of this catastrophe are in dire need of helping hand and will have to begin their lives from scratch when the flood waters recede.



Father helping his children to safety across flooded planes in Supaul district of Bihar



Family trying to relocate with belongings at a safer place

The Kosi River, sometimes called the ‘Sorrow of Bihar’, changed its course after almost two centuries following a breach in an embankment upstream in Nepal, inundating 14 districts of Bihar. Supaul district has been the worst hit followed by Madhepura, Araria and Saharsa. The Kosi River still remains untamed showing no signs of receding water levels. The first four districts were the worst affected where over **2.27 million people in 755 villages** were reeling under its impact. Thousands of families have been forced to live under the open sky or on embankments, roads, rooftops and bridges waiting for help.

The most urgent succor include shelter and access to fresh water, food, emergency medical supplies and basic household items and our grass root volunteers in respective districts are engaged in providing immediate relief with the locally raised available resources. **Besides, immediately aiding the rescue and relief, we desperately need your generous contributions to launch the inevitable rehabilitation plans for the flood victims.**

There is an urgent need to provide relief to the suffering millions. Whilst the Indian Government is making its own efforts in rescuing people, supplying food, medication, clothing, and shelter. The magnitude of devastation is such that additional aid and resources are required urgently to help in the relief efforts.

IDRF appeals whole-heartedly the benevolent to help these unfortunate victims. Your support will help reduce the sufferings of these people in the flood-affected state of Bihar, living in the remote areas.

Please send your generous donations to: (Make check payable to IDRF)

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