

## **Cyclone Ravage: “HUDHUD” causes extensive damage in Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati and Malkangiri District of Odisha.**

- Wind speed rose to 180 Kmph in these areas
- 3.37 lakh peoples were evacuated to safe places
- Mismanagement at cyclone shelter irks evacuees.
- Cyclonic storm HudHud has caused large scale damaged in the above district
- 46020 Houses have been damaged
- 7000 tree and 3500 Electric polls have also been uprooted in various parts. Causing disruption in power supply
- Road damaged of all above four district
- All rivers have close to danger marks over flowing of water level
- Patients suffer in dark at all Hospitals
- Peoples are still marooned
- Govt. on war mode with Relief distribution and Misuse of Govt. Relief
- Now heavy rain continuing
  
- The [Odisha](#) government may demand an assistance of Rs 1000 crore from the Centre towards damage caused to different sectors by the very cyclonic storm Hudhud. “We are going to make an overall demand of Rs 1000 crore to the Centre. Preliminary assessment has suggested the damage to power distribution infrastructure alone at around Rs 300 crore. Huge devastation to power distribution equipment has been noted in the southern districts of Rayagada, Gajapati and Malkangiri”, said a highly placed official source.

The state government will send the memorandum to the Centre soon, detailing the damage from the cyclonic storm. The Special Relief Commissioner [Pradipta K Mohapatra](#) has urged all departments and district collectors to assess their damage from the cyclone and submit the same, latest by October 16.

The memorandum would contain the number of villages hit by the cyclone, the rainfall received by the affected districts, extent of damage caused to kutcha houses and damage caused to roads and power distribution infrastructure. The compilation would also indicate the quantum of agricultural input subsidy needed

The cyclonic storm [Hudhud](#) that struck the coast of Andhra Pradesh near Visakhapatnam on Sunday has caused extensive damage to the power infrastructure in five districts of the

state - Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nabarangpur and Gajapati. More than 1,500 people are at work to restore power supply in the affected districts.

- Around 600 electricity poles and 20 power transformers were damaged as squally winds uprooted trees. Transmission lines and grid sub-stations, however, have survived the cyclonic storm.
- The state government had evacuated 2, 47,829 people and shifted them to 2,197 safe shelters. The evacuated people have started returning to their homes except those whose houses have been severely damaged. Free kitchens have been provided to all the evacuated people in the shelters.
- Preliminary estimates indicate damage to about 80,000 private dwelling houses most of which are mud and thatch dwellings. The damage to agricultural crops and industrial units in the [MSME](#) (micro, small & medium enterprises) sector is expected to be assessed in more than thousands of crore.

### **Cyclone Hudhud damaged report of Koraput district.**

On 12th October 2014 Hudhud Cyclone hit Koraput district of southern Odisha around 4.45pm & continued till 13<sup>th</sup> 12 o'clock. It came with a heavy storm wind and rain and it swept across all over district. We are working in three blocks mainly Nandpur, Lamtaput, and Baipariguda which are identified as worst affected. All roads, electricity & telecommunication disrupted due to the felling of trees & electricity poles. There was an attempt of local administration to evacuate some interior pocket villagers to nearest Government school buildings & our team members helped villagers in the evacuation and logistics at shelter buildings. People only came to the school building leaving their household goods, food grains and livestock in the village. Cyclone & heavy rain blew away many of their homes with tin, tiles, asbestos & thatched roofs. Continuous wind and rain also washed down many of the mud walls of the poor people.

There are houses fully damaged and also partially damaged. Many of the crop fields are destroyed as the heavy wind swept across the fields and huge trees fell down. Roofs of the houses cracked and started leaking and causing people to spend a sleepless night.

### **Prior to Hudhud:**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 our spread team had been informed beforehand about the forth coming cyclone and all the staff members were alerted. Immediate action was taken to inform as many people as possible about hudhud cyclone by phones, text messages, by visiting different villages & through announcement by loudspeaker mike system. On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 all the community mobilizers spread all over the Gram Panchayats and informed the villagers and alerted them to be careful of the coming cyclone. The villagers were informed in prior not to go to the forest, not to stay in weak houses and not to take shelter under tree when heavy wind and rain would be coming on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014 the forecasted day of the cyclone to hit Koraput. The fishermen were also alerted not to go into nearest reservoir for fishing. Many people were evacuated to the safer places and were kept in nearest Rajiv Gandhi Seva Kendras (RGSK), School buildings, Community halls and Angan Wadi centers (AWCs) and Panchayat Offices.

### **Aftermath Hudhud:**

On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014, all the Spread 165 team members went around all the villages under their respective GPs to find out the damages and destruction caused by the cyclone. Within one day they gathered all the field data and information and details of damages with photographs. All the villages and GP level information and data were gathered. The information gathered by the team shows that 926 houses damage, 160 cowsheds are destroyed and 82 livestock are dead, 2948 family's crop fields are damaged by this cyclone. 12 families lost their source of livelihood as their boats and nets were drowned in the river.

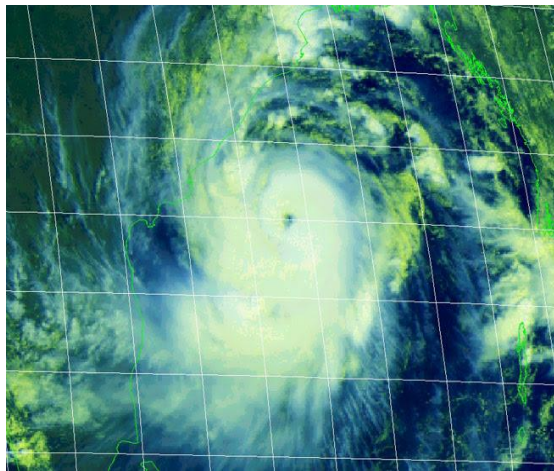
As there was standing crop of Raggi, paddy, different pulses, nisers, maize and it was about to harvest. The cyclone and the rain have destroyed all the crops. In Koraput district there is practice of high hill slope cultivation by the tribal's and only rain fed crop is possible. The crop damage will hit the small and marginal farmers most. As the winter is already there in koraput the homeless people will face critical situation in coming days.

**Possible intervention for Immediate relief:**

**Our volunteers has rushed there place to taken Rescue- Animal Carcass disposal in these affected areas and provide Tarpaulins/ Polythene for roofs. Food support like Ragi & rice those who lost foodgrain, house repairing by cash for work at leas 10 to 15 days.**

**Rehabilitation plan:** Entitlement of Indira AwasYojana for damaged house from Government. Support for food grain (raggi & paddy) to village grain banks, seed and other agricultural support for next year crop, works under MGNREGA etc. and construction of semi permanent low cost shelter in outreach needy areas.

**Cyclone “Hudhud “pounded the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha with heavy rain and winds of almost 210 kmph**







**Wall and roof damage caused by Hudhud**





**Trees fallen on the houses**





**Road damaged**





### **Koraput district:**

The tribal district bore the brunt of cyclone HudHud which left a trail of destruction in its wake. Over 500 thatched houses were damaged and hundreds of trees uprooted as the monster cyclone made landfall in Visakhapatnam on Sunday.

Heavy rain accompanied by gusty wind blowing at 90 kmph hammered Pottangi, Narayanpatna, Bandhugam, Lamataput, Semiliguda and Bandhugam areas of the district. Uprooted trees, electric poles and wreckage were strewn across several places. Sources said more than 500 thatched houses were damaged due to the cyclone.

The worst affected were Pottangi and Nandapur blocks as the cyclonic pressure cumulated in these pockets. Subsequently, over 1000 villages of these pockets were cut off from the main land. Similarly, communication to five panchayats of Boipariguda near Ramgiri forest was cut off due to uprooting of trees. Large portions of rural, State and National highways were damaged due to heavy rain.

The district administration had shifted over 54,000 people to 300 cyclone shelters. There was no report of loss of life. The evacuees were provided free kitchen service by the district officials. The Health Department has also opened special care centres for patients and pregnant women.

Collector Yamini Sarangi confirmed that no casualty was reported from any part of the district. Officials are monitoring relief in shelter homes, she added.

Worst Hit in Malkangiri

**Malkangiri district:** Worst hit life was affected in the district due to strong wind and moderate rainfall caused by HudHud. However, there was serious damage or casualty from the tribal

dominated region. In the evening, strong wind with 160-170 kmph speed uprooted trees in several parts of the district.

The district administration had made all safety arrangements to ensure zero casualties. While more than 1500 persons of primitive Bonda tribe and Didai community were evacuated to safer places at Mudulipada in Bonda Hill, people living in thatched houses were shifted to cyclone shelters.

ITDA Project Administrator R.K. Gond and DWO S.K. Rath have been camping at Bonda Hill on the direction of Collector D. Prashant Kumar Reddy to ensure safety of the Bonda people. Free kitchens have been set up for the tribal's who have taken shelter in Mudulipada high school and dry foods are being provided to them.

The administration shifted about 450 villagers from six grampanchayats to safer places. People residing in low lying areas of Chitrakonda were also taken to safer places.

To deal with the situation, NDRAF and ODRAF teams have been deployed at vulnerable places across the district.

**Nabarangpur district:** The district headquarters town wore a deserted look as abnormal life was thrown out of gear on Sunday. Heavy rain and wind were reported from several places of the district.

Sources said the wind speed increased from 5 pm. Business establishments downed their shutters and buses remained off the roads. Power supply has been snapped from Saturday midnight creating resentment among people.

As a precautionary measure, the district administration has shifted 8419 people to 56 shelter homes on Sunday morning. The evacuees are being provided cooked food.

The water level of Indravati Reservoir remained at 640 mt on Sunday. The district had received 8.6 mm rainfall on Saturday.

### **The way forward.**

- Health -Mobile health camps are essential in the affected areas as a measure of Prevention to spread epidemics like diarrhea and different water born diseases. Pediatricians and Gynecologists would be consulted to bring lactating mother, child & Pregnant women to healthy condition as before.
- Sanitation – mass sanitation drive & disposal of waste should be taken at grass root level with the help of civil society organization, Gaon Kalyan Samitte & Asha Workers, Attached with volunteers would make a quick impact on the situation.
- Water – Repair, Renovation, Restoration, purification of the defunct water bodies would be highly necessary as first track amenities in the twin disaster affected areas.
- Agriculture – Agriculture is the main livelihood of the above said affected area. So the Existence of human life, animal husbandry etc. depends upon revival of agriculture Sector. It would be

highly appreciated if the farmer communities get immediate help for Rabi crop, for land development, water bodies' innovation & development of mini nursery. To develop farmers' cooperatives among villages for restoration of seeds, Distribution of seeds, share cropping among the farmers for their sustainability in Agriculture.

- Entitlement – All Government beneficiary scheme i.e. IAY, OAP, Mamata Yojana , MGNREGA, Education, Anganwadi etc. should reach at the door step of affected people of the above affected Blocks and closely monitor & supported by CSOs.

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