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**Support for Water borne Diseases to the flood affected community in 4 districts (West Chamaparan, Sitamarhi, Muzafaurpur and Darbhanga) of Bihar
By CAMILLIAN TASK FORCE (CTF) and CARITAS India**

Flood disaster Medical Relief Camps in Bihar

Dear Friends

States across India have been hit with floods that have led to a huge loss of life and have left crores affected. The states that have been worst hit are Bihar, Assam and Uttar Pradesh, with the flood situations in West Bengal and Assam receding gradually. Major rivers in spate have breached banks, inundated new areas and displaced thousands since last week, washing away hundreds of huts and damaging buildings, roads, bridges and standing crops worth crores of rupees. But now all major rivers in the state are showing receding trend. With water levels in all major rivers going down, the flood situation is gradually improving in Bihar. In fact, thousands of people have been forced to flee their homes after flood waters entered their villages and have taken shelter at high places, including school buildings and embankments. The death toll in Bihar floods on Tuesday rose to 514 as the situation worsened affecting around 1.71 crore people across 21 districts in the state. Bihar Disaster Management Department official, Dinesh Chandra Yadav saying that the around 171.64 lakh people in 2,371 panchayats under 187 blocks in 19 districts had been affected by the floods.

According to an official release, over the last two weeks, at least 8,54,936 people were evacuated to safer places by the rescue teams of the Army, National Disaster Response Force and the State Disaster Response Force. Following improvement in the flood situation, the number of relief camps set up by the state government has come down and stood at 115 on Monday from nearly 2,000 a week ago. Similarly, the number of people living in these camps has come down to 1,06,650 from over two lakhs. For the flood victims, only 794 community kitchens are running now as against over 1,000 earlier, the official said.

On becoming aware of the situation and the most worse living condition of the poor people in Bihar, Camillian Task Force along with Caritas India is willingly ready to respond to this flood disaster through organizing medical relief camps in the most affected 4 districts of Bihar. We are planning to send our CTF medical relief team to Bihar on 4th September 2017. We request all of our dear friends, benefactors, well-wishers and healthcare volunteers to support this cause with your prayers and other contributions according to their means and possibilities. We shall ensure

that whatever financial aid you may like to provide through the CTF-India reaches the people for whom it is intended to.

Contribution may be made to “Camillian Task Force”: *Bank Details: A/C Name: Camillian Task Force India, A/C No: 0518053000007532, The South Indian Bank, Sarjapura Road Branch, and IFSC Code: SIBL 0000518, (Exempt u/s. 80g (5).* Kindly continue to pray for the victims. Support and encourage our healthcare volunteers.

With a deep sense of solidarity.

CONTEXT

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The Flood situation is worsening in the state of Bihar. The Govt of Bihar Reports (29/08/17) floods have impacted 21 districts, including West Champaran, Darbhanga, Sitamrhi, Muzafarpur owing to overflowing rivers from Nepal, breaching the embankment at various places. 514 deaths are reported in the affected 171 lacks in 21 districts as per the report shared DMD, GoB on 29/08/17. The accompanying monsoon rains have aggravated the situation and caused widespread damage to lives and property across the State; which is also one of the poorest states in India with 32% of the rural population living below the poverty line, the 3rd highest in India (Source: NITI Ayog).

The Government has started community kitchens in some areas but due to dispersed population, the reach, quality and quantity of food support has caused dissatisfaction among the affected groups during interaction with the community. The severity of floods has outdone the capacity of the State and the Chief Minister has appealed for assistance.

Rationale of the proposed project

The main concern is the impact of floods on socially excluded and economically impoverished communities like *scheduled castes/dalits, and muslims*. Among them women, children, and persons with disability are even more vulnerable. CTF's and Caritas India's presence and assessment in the flood affected regions of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar shows that these communities have not received adequate assistance from government response.

Need: The increase in water has made worst effect in the low line area, creating damage and affecting men, women and children but majorly affecting the vulnerable groups. Flood plains have water logging upto 5 - 7 fts and Diarrhea, Measles and Malaria is prominent water and vector borne diseases in all the areas during floods. The overall situation suggests that this problem is even going to be worst as suggested by IMD. 80% - 90% of the affected victims have been relocated to formal camps but the issue of health, hygiene, sanitation and shelter remains the rampant. The major challenge in the health condition of the flood victims as the water logging is stagnant at some places and will be taking sometime in receding. During this time, communicable diseases are very prevalent and the vulnerable groups like Pregnant & lactating women from health issue there supplements requirement remains a major challenge. There is no availability of safe drinking water in anywhere govt. has provided water tanks but those are also limited and its purity can't be justified.

Current Situation and Field Assessment: As per *West Chamaparan, Sitamarhi, Muzafaurpur and Darbhanga* district it has been reported by the govt. officials that they are in an urgent need of medical support as more often post floods there is a massive outbreak of water bound diseases. According to our assessment in 35 villages in 04 districts water have been inundated and near about 50 lac displaced people taken shelter around NH 57 and other higher places. Victims of the floods are in the temporary shelters (camps) with food being provided by govt. Institutions. In our initial observation, discussion with affected community and the district administration there is an urgent need of Medical Support with wash kit, halogen tablet.

CTF and Caritas Response and Strategy:

CTF along with Caritas will be supporting in 4 districts with basic medical support in communicable diseases (Water borne Diseases) through various camps while supporting medicines. These camps will be for 15 days each (but not at a stretch) in identified areas in 1-month time which will be covering 2 – 3 nearby villages also. The program will include 4 Para medic Staff and 2 doctor who will be supported by 5 volunteers from the field and they will be working for around 15 days in 04 districts during various camps at various places.

Partner	District	Block	Target Patient
CTF-Caritas	<i>West Chamaparan</i>	<i>RamNagar</i>	2000
		<i>Chanpatiya</i>	1000
CTF-Caritas	<i>Sitamarhi</i>	<i>Suppi</i>	500
		<i>Bairgnia</i>	500
	<i>Muzafurpur</i>	<i>Meena Pur</i>	1000
		<i>Mushari</i>	1000
	<i>Darbhanga</i>	<i>Darbhanga</i>	1000
			7000

Log Frame:

Outcome: 7000 Flood Victims will be vaccine/cured for Water borne Diseases in <i>West Chamaparan, Sitamarhi, Muzafurpur and Darbhanga</i> District of Bihar						
	Monthly Plan					
	1	2	3	4	5	6

Activity: 1 Identifying Disease Prone Villages in <i>West Chamaparan, Sitamarhi, Muzafurpur and Darbhanga</i> District						
Activity: 2 Procurement of the medicines and the cure kits according to the prevalent Disease.						
Activity: 3 Providing medicines to the patients of water borne and vector borne diseases.						
Activity: 4 Linking PHCs CHCs and DHC to support patients during relief if diseases is spreading severely						
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Activity: 1 Awareness program to the community in Camps/villages for Prevention from communicable diseases.						
Activity: 2 Regular Monthly Check up of the flood victims						
Activity: 3 IEC Materials Development and Distribution						

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