



Tripura Flood Relief 2024: How SEEDS Helped Communities Recover

Agartala, 26 December, 2024 : Following unprecedented rainfall that began on August 21, 2024, Tripura experienced its worst flooding in over four decades. This catastrophic event impacted 17 lakh people across eight districts, displacing over 1.28 lakh residents who were forced to seek refuge in relief camps. Thirty-one lives were lost, and numerous others were injured. The floods caused severe damage to homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods, with thousands of hectares of crops destroyed, crippling the agricultural sector and leaving the state to face economic losses.

The disaster caused major damage to critical infrastructure, including electric poles, transformers, roads, and bridges. Communities faced widespread power outages, water contamination, and sanitation challenges. In addition to the immediate threat to life and property, the floods increased risks for vulnerable populations such as persons with disabilities (PWDs), children, the elderly, and pregnant women. Many had no access to clean water, healthcare, or safe shelter.

Amid this crisis, SEEDS (Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society) swiftly initiated ground-level interventions in the most severely affected regions of South Tripura and Gomati districts. Recognizing the urgent needs of marginalized communities, SEEDS focused on providing immediate relief and laying the groundwork for long-term recovery and resilience. Working alongside local authorities and complementing relief efforts SEEDS ensured a more comprehensive response to the crisis.

SEEDS' intervention included the distribution of shelter and non-food item (NFI) kits to families who lost their homes, ensuring they had access to basic necessities like tarpaulins, mosquito nets, floor mats, and solar lights. To address the critical water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs, hygiene kits were distributed, to prevent diseases from spreading in flood-affected areas.

In addition to material support, SEEDS conducted awareness sessions on hygiene and protection, particularly for women, children, and adolescent girls, to safeguard them from abuse and violence and provide psychosocial care. These sessions also included practical demonstrations, such as how to prepare oral rehydration solution (ORS) at home, equipping communities with essential skills to manage health risks. Safe drinking water was restored through handpump chlorination efforts, mitigating the health risks posed by contaminated



water sources. To help families recover economically, SEEDS provided cash support to households struggling with financial losses, enabling them to meet immediate needs and regain stability.

SEEDS focused on inclusive and community-driven efforts. Village-level committees, comprising representatives from vulnerable groups, ensured a fair and transparent selection of beneficiaries. Feedback mechanisms were established to maintain accountability and improve the distribution process based on community input.

By prioritizing the most vulnerable — including families who lost loved ones, women-led households, the elderly, and those with disabilities or chronic illnesses — SEEDS' intervention aimed to restore dignity, hope, and resilience to the affected communities.

The devastating Tripura floods underscore the urgent need for coordinated relief and long-term recovery efforts. SEEDS remains committed to supporting those most in need, ensuring that marginalized groups receive equitable assistance as they rebuild their lives in the aftermath of this disaster.

About SEEDS

SEEDS (Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society) is a leading not-for-profit organization that has been working for nearly 30 years to build resilience among communities vulnerable to disasters and the impacts of climate change. Combining innovative technology with traditional wisdom, SEEDS delivers solutions in disaster readiness, response, and rehabilitation. With a focus on marginalized communities, SEEDS works closely with local governments and grassroots organizations to empower communities to face future challenges with confidence and strength.