

Mahavir International, Vadodara

Brief Report on Post-Flood Relief Initiative

On the 31st July 2019, nearly 50 cm of rain fell on Vadodara within 12 hours. The Ajwa dam overflowed subsequently and as a result of the large water discharge, Vishwamitri River rose above the danger line. The combined impact of extremely heavy downpour and river flowing above danger mark created unprecedented floods in the city.

The unprecedented floods in Vadodara have played havoc with a lot of people and families, particularly the weaker sections of our society and also those living in low lying areas or near the river. Immediate rescue and relief operations were taken up by city and state administration with a number of NDRF teams also playing a critical role. A large number of voluntary social organisations and concerned citizens also joined hands.

It has been more than eighteen years since Mahavir International, Vadodara started its journey with the overall motto of "Love All – Serve All". The endeavour has been to try and make a small difference in the lives of those from the disadvantaged sections of our society. We mainly focus on education of the bright and needy students as we think that the best way to uplift a family is by providing proper education to the children from such families. We further believe that an educated society can make the family, society & nation stronger.

Looking to the situation, MI, Vadodara also undertook a post-flood relief initiative, with Phase One being focussed on families of the students covered by it under various educational initiatives (please see attached details for various educational initiatives being run by us). Subsequently, Phase Two was undertaken in light of the dire needs of other affected families.

Phase 1 – Focus on families of MI student beneficiaries

This phase largely covered families of our student beneficiaries - families of Asha Deep students (from 15 street-to-school centres being run on footpaths, under flyovers and in slums etc.), Asha Deep Mentor-Sponsor initiative (covering 85 very bright students from amongst Asha Deep centres, being run near Sursagar) and Kayakalp (unique educational initiative at Baroda High school, Danteshwar covering 152 very bright students of 9th to 12th standards).

A total of 450 families are covered with each family receiving a food and essential commodities packet worth Rs 750 - to help them ride over the immediate trauma, until they are able to resume normal life again. In addition, school bags, note books, mosquito nets, Vaseline, utensils and clothes were also distributed.



The campaign launched by MI, Vadodara received incredible response from citizens of the city and even from a number of well-wishers from outside (particularly the US). In a review meeting on Saturday, Aug 9th, it was decided to extend the benefits and support to another 1000 families living near Asha Deep centres as also in some of the other worst affected areas.

As of today, the contributions received amount to over Rs.11 lacs, with many more messages of contributions pouring in. MI team specifically created for the purpose of Flood Relief has done commendable work at lightning speed, bringing smiles on many faces and small relief for a large number of families.

Phase 2 – Other affected families

It was indeed a very difficult task as there were so many affected areas with a large number of distressed families. A quick survey was undertaken to identify areas that were severely impacted and where other relief efforts were yet to reach. The efforts were finally focussed on the following:

- (a) Families living in and around Asha Deep Centres
- (b) Few other areas –
 - ❖ Jalaram Nagar
 - ❖ Pensionpura
 - ❖ Tulsi vadi
 - ❖ Jalaram nagar
 - ❖ Parshuram bhatta
 - ❖ Rajnagar - Makarpura Railway station
 - ❖ Swad quarters
 - ❖ Tarsali Chokdi



A total of _ families are covered with each family receiving a food and essential commodities packet worth INR 600. Also double bed size mosquito net was provided on a subsidised rate of INR 50 each.

Overall, approximately Rs 11 lakhs were spent in this initiative which was contributed by members & well-wishers of society.