

LEH FLASH FLOODS

Information Update : 1

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Summary information

Estimated Number of People Affected: approx. 10,000

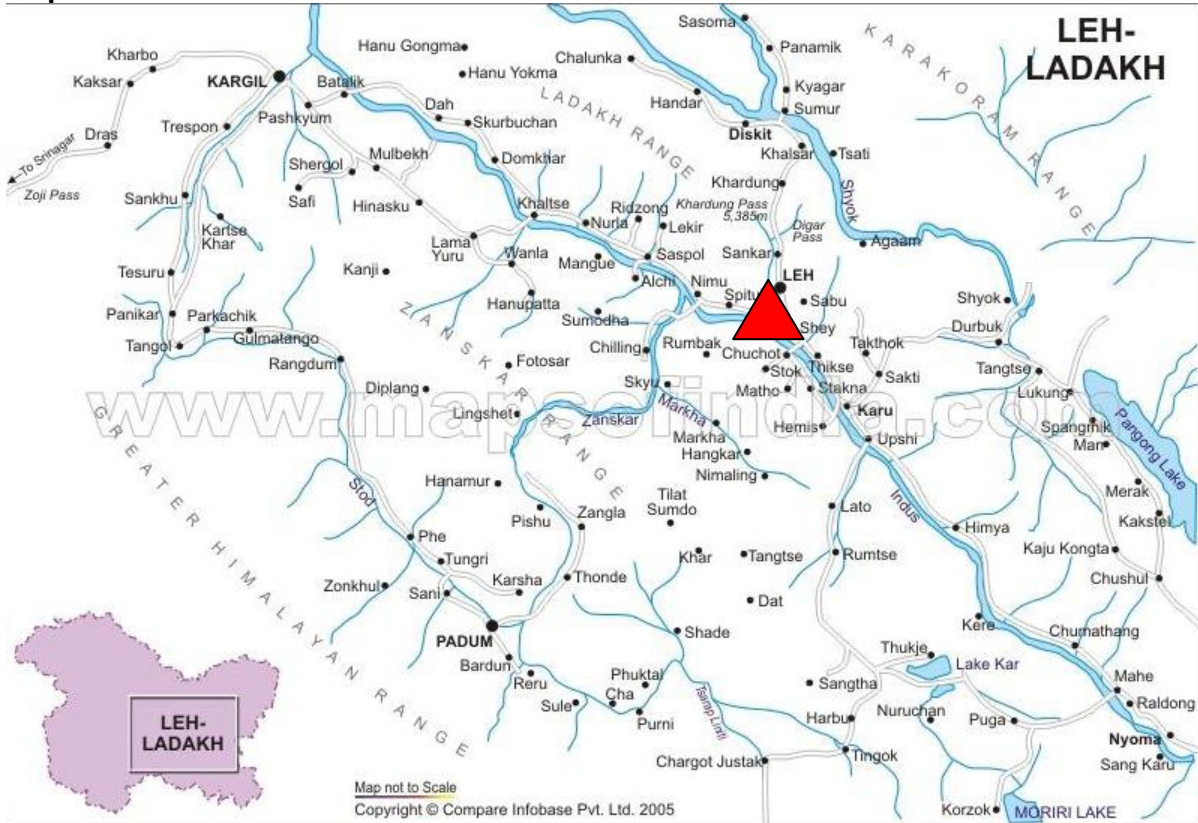
- Leh has been hit by flash floods since 5th (midnight) August 2010. They occurred because of a cloud burst.
- No of people dead – approximately 56 and rising; and many missing; houses were swept away
- Reports state that government building, security forces camps, communication infrastructure have been badly hit
- SETTING – Leh Town – Semi Urban
- Oxfam does not have partners in LEH. We are coordinating with other agencies for information from the ground.
- Humanitarian needs – Analysis of reports reflect that Shelter, WASH and food are most likely going to be the emerging needs.

Worst affected areas:

- Leh – old town
- Sabu Village
- Nuemo Village and
- Badgoh Village

- 4 employees of NHPCL (Hydel power corporation) have been washed away
- Damaged Areas: A polytechnic college, headquarters of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) camp, many government offices
- Information suggests that the Bus town and most of the old town is totally devastated
- Old Leh city is worst affected, with the city's main hospital, SNM Hospital, flooded and the main bus stand flattened
- New town in Leh is safe
- All roads are cut off to Leh
- Army sources said the airport is still open, but all flights from Delhi to Leh have been cancelled.
- Hundreds of vehicles on both sides of Pandoh Dam of Mandi were stranded on Wednesday night as traffic on Manali-Leh highway came to a halt after a major landslide blocked the road between Pandoh and Hanogi.
- The city's main telephone exchange is submerged.
- All communications networks are dysfunctional with Airtel being the only service provider operational albeit with heavy network congestion
- A bridge on the road connecting Leh to Srinagar is washed away near Nuemo Village
- Mud waters are seen everywhere in the old town with the city's petrol pump devastated as well.
- Rescue and Relief:
- The Army's 14 Corps has mobilised 6000 engineers and infantry troops and are using helicopters for rescue.
- Over 160 injured people have been admitted to the army hospital.
- 50 CRPF jawans were rescued from the flooded areas

Map of the affected area



Coordination:

The Sphere IAG meeting held on the 5th Aug was attended by a number of humanitarian agencies. They included – ECHO, Save the Children, Concern Project, Welt Hunger Hilfe (Formerly GAA), Oxfam India, Action Aid, two local networks from Kashmir valley and the convenor of IAG Kashmir through telephone. This meeting was primarily called for a discussion on the conflict and violence and areas of work that Indian humanitarian agencies could initiate.

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