A DECADE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSES

(2004-2014)

INTRODUCTION

In the last one decade, Caritas as a humanitarian agency has touched a million lives through a range of emergency response initiative.

We brought immediate relief and long term rehabilitation to society’s most vulnerable sections affected by various disasters - floods, earthquake, Tsunami, landslides, cloudburst, ethnic conflict and cyclone.

This report brings out a mixed feeling of pain and pride as we recall our services in the last one decade.

SERVICE SECTORS

Relief and Rehabilitation primarily in the sectors of

✓ Health ✓ Food ✓ Agriculture,
✓ Livelihood ✓ Water ✓ Vocational training
✓ Shelter ✓ Sanitation ✓ Education

APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

Caritas has always taken careful steps in applying result based methodology in emergency program which include detailed need and sectorial assessment, proposal development, implementation and monitoring and evaluation.

- Contingency plan, response strategy and other details based on first hand data on emergency basis
- Identification of most vulnerable groups and listing of prioritized beneficiaries
- Building community associates among PRI members, CBOs and other local establishments and leaders
- Standard post relief distribution program to evaluate and validate the results achieved followed by standard practice of documentation and reporting.

EXEMPLARY AID WORKER

Mr. Altaf Hussain Lone, a youth from Kashmir who served during the Kashmir floods without any distinction of caste, creed and ethnicity.
MILESTONES (2004 – 2014)

■ TSUNAMI RESPONSE 2004
1 lakh families (5 lakh people) were given variable aid of permanent shelter, livelihood and vocational training.
Net Worth value: 4.35 Billion

■ JK EARTHQUAKE 2005
6000 families (30 thousand people) were given variable aid of health, livelihood and educational support.
Net Worth value: 2.57 Million

■ CYCLONE AILA 2009
7000 families (35 thousand people) were extended with variable aids of household supports, namely toilet and kitchen utility articles, bedding & mosquito nets and house building materials. It also included livelihood support of auto-rickshaw vans, fishing nets and farm based livelihood.
Net Worth value: 1.50 Million

■ BIHAR FLOODS 2007
23,500 families (1.12 lakh people) were given variable aid consisting of shelter, food, water, sanitation and health support.
Net Worth value: 8.28 Million
BIHAR FLOODS 2008

23,500 families (1.12 lakh people) were given variable aid of shelter, livelihood, food, water, sanitation and health support.

Net Worth value: 7 Million

BIHAR FLOODS 2013

1300 families (6.5 thousand people) were given variable aid of livelihood, farm related support, water and sanitation support.

Net Worth value: 2.5 Million

SERIES OF EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN ASSAM - 2012-2014

FLOODS, 2012

10,500 families were given variable aid of medical, livelihood, water & sanitation assistance and other economic support.

Net Worth value: 2.83 Million

ETHNIC CONFLICT, 2012

Through Cash for work 1,725 families were given variable aid of livelihood and farm related support.

Net Worth value: 2.5 Million

ETHNIC CONFLICT, 2012

1000 families were given variable aid of winter kits, study materials, house restoration and livelihood support.

Net Worth value: 2 Million

ETHNIC CONFLICT, 2014

Health support to over 300 families. Additionally, food, kitchen utensils, bedding and emergency shelter assistance were provided.

Net Worth value: 2 Million
**UTTARAKHAND DISASTER 2013**

2500 families (12.5 thousand people) were given variable aid consisting of food and non food items like medical assistance, livelihood, shelter and educational support.

Net Worth value: 4 Million

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**J&K FLOOD 2014**

12000 families (.6 million people) were given variable aid of medical assistance, livelihood, shelter, food, water, sanitation and health support.

Net Worth value: 2.57 Million

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**CYCLONE PHALIN 2013**

2730 families (13.6 thousand people) were given variable aid of medical assistance, livelihood, shelter, educational, farm related support, and food, water, sanitation and health support.

Net Worth value: 5.24 Million

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**ODISHA FLOODS 2014**

1650 families (8.2 thousand people) were given variable aid of shelter, food, water, sanitation and health support.

Net Worth value: 1.13 Million
SUMMARY OF OVERALL REACH WITH NET WORTH

14 EMERGENCIES
2 Lakhs Families
1 Million People
5 Billion Net Worth

ABOUT CARITAS INDIA

Caritas India, social wing of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) is the largest network of NGOs (only after Red Cross) with over 200 member organizations & partners across India. Internationally we are present in 164 countries.

Our major involvements have been in Disaster relief and rehabilitation, Natural Resources Management including that of farmers' access to market, Community Health, Tribal development, Child rights and protection needs and other developmental services.

“Caritas India lives by its motto 'The Joy of Service'... As vibrant, sensitive, responsive organisation, we cover inexorable events into opportunities to serve homeless people in pain...Given the toughness of the terrain in remote affected areas, our experience both in Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir, we scored remarkable points by reaching ground zero level and providing with immediate response...”

Fr. Frederick D 'Souza, Executive Director

Tsunami which has left humans at the core of one thing; suffering. This face of the disaster could not been seen in any of the hard data, graphs, facts and statistics... Caritas worked to help community bounce back to life”.

Fr. Paul Moonjely, Assistant Executive Director

For Caritas India, its emergency response initiatives are the authentic expression of our Love and Compassion in Action, achieved through a global solidarity and seeking to reach out and rebuild the lives of people affected by natural and human-made calamities”.

Fr. Jolly, Administrative Manager

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