



# CANADIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FUND 2017 INDIA FLOODS RESPONSE

**HUMANITARIAN COALITION** 

 **OXFAM**  
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**PEOPLE ASSISTED:** 23,250 

**FUNDS PROVIDED:** \$ 350,000 

**ASSISTANCE PROVIDED:** Increased access to water, sanitation and hygiene services; livelihood support



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## BACKGROUND

Heavy, sustained rains, triggered by cyclone Mora, caused widespread and devastating flooding across the northeastern states in India in late June, early July. Communities already living below the poverty line in Assam province - the most remote and least developed region in the country – were primarily affected.



## OUTLINE OF NEEDS

More than 140,000 hectares of crop area have been ravaged by the floods, which will lead to big economic losses in the affected communities. Many houses have been submerged or washed away, and close to 50,000 people are staying in relief camps setup by government. People who lost their homes are living on the roadside and on embankments in fields with no access to shelter, safe sanitation or drinking water. Many roads have been badly affected in both districts, leaving villages isolated from the mainstream communication system with only boats being able to reach those areas.

## ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Oxfam has been present in India since 1951 and has past experience in Assam, providing assistance to survivors of flooding in 2012 and helping residents affected by conflict between 2012 and 2016. Oxfam is working with a local partner, PAD, which has experience in both humanitarian response and disaster risk reduction initiatives.

## PROPOSED RESPONSE

### Objectives

Increase access to safe water, sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion activities and improve survivors' ability to address food and health needs

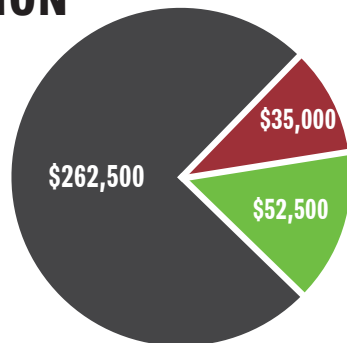
### Activities

- Provide hygiene kits for women and girls to 1,000 households
- Install emergency toilets with bathing cubicles in 100 locations, involving local affected people through a cash-for-work initiative
- Repair and chlorinate 100 local water sources
- Promote health and hygiene practices to help in preventing the spread of water-borne disease,
- Transfer cash, through a mechanism identified through consultations, to 500 of the most vulnerable flood affected households to assist them with their immediate needs



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