

CYCLONE PHAILIN

IGSSS Humanitarian Response



Ganjam, Balasore, Puri (Odisha): IGSSS activated an Emergency Response Team on October 13, 2013 in the wake of severe cyclone Phailin which devastated 15 districts of Odisha. IGSSS has also pledged support of One Million Rupees from its Emergency Relief Fund towards the humanitarian response. IGSSS ERT has visited Ganjam, Puri and Balasore and did the initial situational assessment on the basis of its meeting with State Departments and Civil Society organisations. IGSSS has decided to provide immediate humanitarian relief to the flood affected families in Ganjam, Puri and Balasore in Odisha and Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh through its local partners. The Sustainable Options for Uplifting Livelihood (SOUL) programme of IGSSS is already being implemented in the areas which were heavily impacted by the cyclone Phailin consequently leading to flood. IGSSS partners have been alerted to be ready for the humanitarian response.

Immediate Response:

IGSSS response in the three districts will reach out to 3000 most flood affected families/individuals in the next one month providing them immediate relief focused on temporary shelter, safe drinking water, sanitation, basic life saving kits and health camps.

Cyclone Phailin, which made landfall in the south of Gopalpur in Odisha on October 12, 2013, was declared a severe cyclone almost half the size of India by the Indian Meteorological Department. The State Government, National Disaster Management Authority along with other departments acted proactively evacuating people to a safer place. As per the Government of Odisha estimate, 17 people were killed and it left thousands of people homeless and displaced. The impact on livelihood is the most.

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Standing crops damaged due to the floods



Connectivity to villages impacted



Families living in shelters

IGSSS Emergency Response Team is frequently sending information from the field.

Please visit the following link on IGSSS website to read about the [Field Report from Odisha and Andhra Pradesh](#) prepared by Mr. K C Sahu – Head Livelihood, who is currently leading the Emergency Response Team.

You can also donate to IGSSS Humanitarian Response online. Please visit the link (<http://igsss.org/donate>) to make your donation.

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Annual Community Convention

Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir: The Annual Community Convention was held on 28th September, 2013, at Bandipora, Kashmir. 250 Community and Halqa Panchayat members, Village Level Workers (VLWs), Village Welfare Committee (VWC), Self Help Group (SHG) and Youth Group members along with more than 100 people from the nearby villages participated in the convention. The theme of the convention was “Learning’s and Experiences”; it provided a platform to the community members to share their experiences, learning’s, achievements, challenges and steps taken towards addressing them.

Read the complete report [\[Here\]](#).





Regional Workshop on Globalization and Crisis of Livelihood in Handloom and Handicraft Artisans

Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh: A one-day regional workshop on *Globalization and Crisis of Livelihood in Handloom and Handicraft Artisans* was organized by SAREL Alliance. SAREL is a network of NGOs in Uttar Pradesh which advocates on the issue of MGNREGA. Around 72 alliance members, artisans from eight districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh participated in this workshop. Dr. Rajani Kant, State Convener of SAREL Alliance inaugurated the workshop. He addressed the gathering on the issue of weavers and artisans leaving their traditional handicrafts and highlighted their worsening situations. He said that the situation is leading to distress migration forcing them to work as unskilled labours in unorganized sectors.

The situation is more alarming as international markets are demanding

more and more traditional hand woven, handmade products and the government is unable to meet the demand and the supply. Efforts of the SAREL alliance demanding inclusion of cottage industry - handloom and handicrafts in MGNREGA was accepted by the government. It was suggested that the government should allow the sale of handloom clothes only with "Handloom Mark", which would enable the manufacturers receive appropriate wages. Mr. Roopak Verma, Ex-directors Union Bank, SETTI has elaborated schemes about various credit facilities to the craftsman and weavers and about the role of bank on social development issues under CSR and how the participants can benefit through it.



Artisan communities from Manipur, Assam, Kashmir, Rajasthan, Bengal, Jharkhand and other states, experiencing similar situation will appeal to the government to come forward to protect the traditional craft.

Capacity Building of Community Facilitation Team

Kolkata, West Bengal: A Three-Day Residential Training on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) for Community Facilitation Team members was conducted in Kolkata. Around 22 members from seven states participated in the training programme.

The training was organized to build the capacity of the members on micro plan under Sustainable Option for Uplifting Livelihood (SOUL) Programme. The training was facilitated by Mr. Ardhendu Shekhar Chatterjee, a zonal Project Core Team member along with Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Singha.





Annual Youth Peace and Cultural Festival

Nagaland

Dimapur, Nagaland: North-East Youth Peace and Cultural Festival is an annual event celebrated by IGSSS partner Peace Channel and People's Peace Forum, Dimapur. The event took place from 20th - 22nd September with youth participating from seven states. Around 19 youth from IGSSS Youth Development programme in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur participated in this peace festival. Around 600 delegates from Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Tripura were present on the occasion. The youth also participated in a workshop which discussed - role of youth in peace building, the need of peace building and peace building through reconciliation. The discussions focused around the importance of career

guidance on IT and Banking sector with an aim of giving them more perspective and broad judgment on issues shaping their lives.

The major highlight of the celebration was interfaith conclave and the peace rally, where youths were seen holding banners and messages and chanted "We want Peace! Peace! Peace!" and "War is costly... Peace is priceless".

The three-day event was enabled and integrated through inter-faith, inter-cultural interaction and sharing, facilitated through input sessions by dividing into groups and through meditation session and that which inculcated peace in the hearts and minds of the participants.



FRI DAY FRITTERS

Food Security through Cash Transfer

The Humanitarian assistance to conflict affected victims in Assam and Mizoram aimed at early recovery of conflict affected communities belonging to the Bodo, non-Bodo and Bengali speaking Muslim communities in Assam and Bru families repatriated to Mizoram.