

Humanitarian Agencies Strengthen Coordination for Upper Assam Flood Recovery



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GUWAHATI, August 7, 2026 — As flood-hit communities across Upper Assam continue to struggle with the long road to recovery, humanitarian organisations and development agencies have stepped up efforts to improve coordination and ensure assistance reaches those most in need.

Representatives of more than 17 humanitarian organisations, community groups, research institutions and development agencies met in Jorhat on Thursday to review the ongoing flood response and discuss priorities for recovery in the worst-affected districts.

The meeting focused on the humanitarian situation across Upper Assam, particularly in Jorhat, Sivasagar, Charaideo and neighbouring flood-affected areas, where thousands of families continue to face challenges related to damaged homes, loss of livelihoods, limited access to safe drinking water, sanitation, healthcare and education.

Participants shared updates on relief operations, geographic coverage, operational challenges and resource gaps while identifying ways to improve coordination and avoid duplication of assistance. Discussions also covered critical sectors including shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security, livelihoods, health, education, protection, essential household items and early recovery.

A key focus of the meeting was strengthening collaboration between local organisations, community institutions, humanitarian agencies and technical partners to ensure that recovery efforts are guided by the actual needs of affected communities.

Participants emphasised the importance of joint assessments, information sharing and coordinated planning so that vulnerable households—including women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, small farmers and daily wage workers—receive timely and appropriate support.

The meeting also explored opportunities for collaborative interventions, advocacy and resource mobilisation as communities move from emergency relief towards longer-term recovery and resilience.

Those attending agreed to continue strengthening coordination and information exchange to support a locally led, inclusive and needs-based response to the ongoing flood emergency in Upper Assam.

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