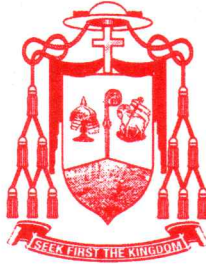


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Report on Flood Relief and Appeal for Rehabilitation Support **(Diocese of Dibrugarh, Assam)**

Standing with the Flood-Affected Families of Upper Assam

Following days of incessant monsoon rains, unprecedented floods struck the Upper Assam districts of **Charaideo, Sivasagar, and Jorhat** beginning on **19–20 July 2026**. As the **Dikhow, Disang, and Dhansiri** rivers overflowed their banks, floodwaters rapidly submerged hundreds of villages, destroying homes, standing crops, roads, and public infrastructure. The flood situation worsened between **20 and 24 July 2026**, forcing thousands of families to evacuate to relief camps, embankments, and other temporary shelters. These districts emerged as the worst-affected areas in Assam, with widespread loss of life, livelihoods, and property. Although the floodwaters have now receded, the humanitarian crisis continues, as countless families remain homeless and struggle to rebuild their lives.

The Diocese of Dibrugarh has been making continuous efforts to reach out to families affected by the devastating floods in the three districts of **Charaideo, Jorhat, and Sivasagar**. Guided by the Gospel values of compassion and solidarity, the Diocese, through its parishes, priests, religious, volunteers, and generous benefactors, has been extending relief to those who have lost their homes, livelihoods, and basic necessities.

The first phase of relief reached the flood-affected families of **Kona, Lakwa, and Nahorhabi** in Charaideo District. These are few of the villages where relief work was done by the church. Essential relief materials were distributed to families who had lost almost everything due to the floods. Although the floodwaters have now receded, the suffering of the people continues. Many families are still living in temporary shelters, makeshift camps, and on embankments that are unsafe and unsuitable for human habitation. They continue to face uncertainty as they struggle to rebuild their lives.

In the second phase of relief, the Diocese of Dibrugarh, distributed relief materials to **106 flood-affected families** belonging to **Bihubor, Chutia Basti, and Nepali Gaon** villages.

The relief materials included:

- Rice
- Lentils (Dal)
- Mustard oil
- Salt
- Potatoes
- Mosquito nets

Rajabari Parish generously supplemented the relief by providing every family with:

- Amul Taaza milk
- Biscuits
- Sanitary pads
- Soyabean
- Toilet and hygiene articles
- Drinking water bottles

The Diocese expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all the priests, religious and friends for the generous financial assistance and to the dedicated ground support team coordinated by the Bishop's House, Dibrugarh, whose tireless efforts ensured that relief reached the most vulnerable families.

Responding to the Bishop's appeal that every parish and religious institution should extend assistance to flood victims within their reach, several parishes and diocesan commissions actively participated in relief operations. Among them were:

- Dibrugarh Diocesan Women Commission
- Dibrugarh Diocesan Youth Commission
- Doomdooma Parish
- Duliajan Parish
- Nilmoni Parish
- Rajabari Parish

These communities generously distributed food items, drinking water, clothing, hygiene materials, and other emergency supplies, demonstrating the Church's commitment to serving people irrespective of caste, creed, or religion.

The Need Has Now Changed: From Relief to Rehabilitation

While emergency relief has provided immediate support, the greatest challenge now lies ahead. The floodwaters have disappeared, but the devastation remains.

Thousands of families have returned to find their homes either destroyed or severely damaged. Household utensils have been washed away, bamboo houses have collapsed, roofs have been blown away, and agricultural fields remain covered with silt. Families have lost livestock, food stocks, school materials, and the basic possessions needed for everyday life.

Many continue to live in temporary shelters because they lack the resources to rebuild their homes. Without rehabilitation support, these families remain trapped in a cycle of poverty and insecurity.

The Diocese of Dibrugarh is therefore launching the next phase of its humanitarian response, focusing on **rehabilitation and restoration of dignity**.

Urgent Rehabilitation Needs

To help families rebuild their homes and restart their lives, there is an urgent need for:

Materials for Rebuilding Houses

- CGI roofing sheets (tin sheets)
- Bamboo poles
- Timber and wooden posts
- Roofing accessories, nails and binding wire
- Tarpaulins for temporary roofing
- Doors and windows
- Cement and other essential construction materials
- Tools required for house construction

Household Essentials

Most families have lost everything inside their homes. They urgently require:

- Cooking vessels and kitchen utensils
- Plates, cups, glasses and spoons
- Water storage containers and buckets
- Beds, sleeping mats and blankets
- Mosquito nets
- Plastic storage boxes
- Clothing for adults and children
- Solar lamps or rechargeable lights where electricity has not yet been restored

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- Water filters and water purification tablets
- Hygiene kits
- Bathing and washing soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Sanitary pads for women and adolescent girls
- Cleaning materials and disinfectants for damaged homes

Livelihood Restoration

To help families become self-reliant again, support is needed for:

- Seeds for cultivation
- Agricultural tools
- Fertilizers
- Livestock and poultry for vulnerable families
- Small business support for daily wage earners and self-employed families

Education Support

Many children have lost their school materials in the floods. Assistance is needed for:

- School bags
- Textbooks and notebooks
- School uniforms
- Stationery and learning materials

Appeal for Support

The Diocese of Dibrugarh humbly appeals to charitable organizations, mission agencies, institutions, corporate partners, and generous individuals to stand with us during this crucial phase of rehabilitation.

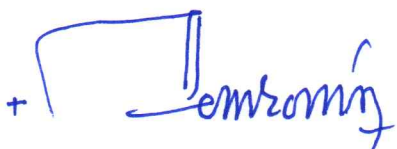
Emergency food assistance has helped families survive, but **true recovery can only begin when they have a roof over their heads, a kitchen to prepare meals, basic household utensils, and the means to rebuild their livelihoods.** Your support can restore not only homes but also hope, dignity, and the confidence to begin life anew.

We invite all people of goodwill to partner with us by contributing financial assistance or donating essential materials such as roofing sheets, bamboo, household utensils, bedding, water storage containers, hygiene supplies, construction materials, and livelihood support. Every contribution, regardless of its size, will directly help a family move from uncertainty to stability.

Together, let us be instruments of God's compassion, enabling our brothers and sisters to rebuild their homes, restore their livelihoods, and look to the future with renewed hope.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

(Galatians 6:2)



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