

# BIHAR FLOOD 2008

## weeklyreport

EMMANUEL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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### Situation Report

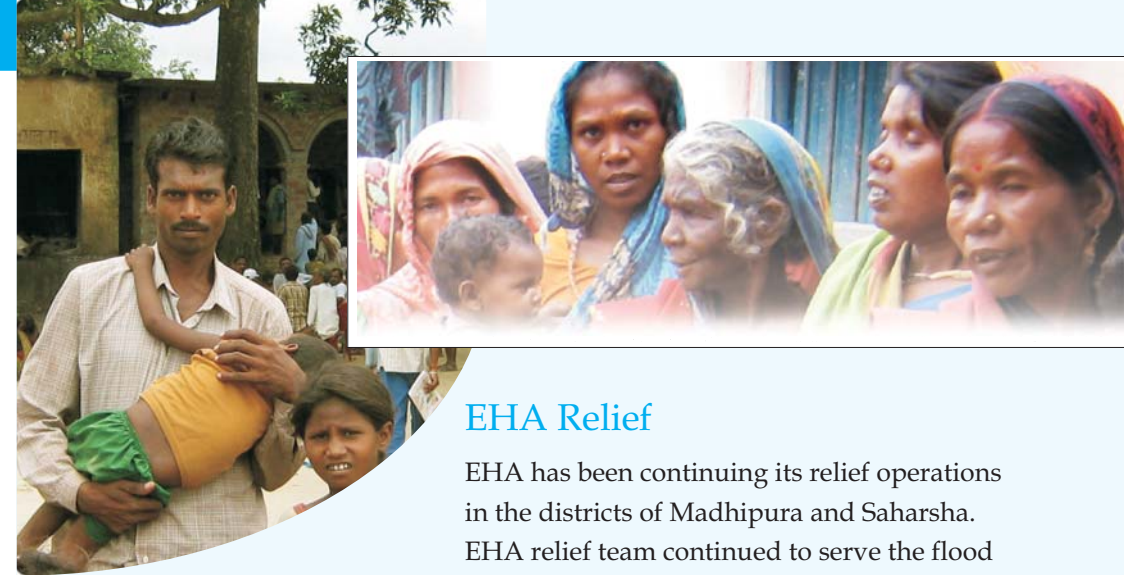
Meticulous efforts are being carried out by various organizations through several relief workers and volunteers in Bihar. Continuous medical support is being provided by the medical camps in various areas through the supply of medicines and also implementation of sanitation methods. In spite of all the efforts being made, many people are still struggling to find a normal life.

#### Emotional Trauma

Volunteers are encountering new problems such as psychological depression, character disorderliness, fear and trauma among young people and adolescents. These conditions are also being prioritized as they need a team of counselors to help in psycho social intervention and counseling to help them rehabilitate to normal condition

#### Alarming Death Rates

As the water recedes, more and more dead bodies and carcasses are being found. The official death toll has gone up to 141 out of which a maximum of 113 are from the Madhipura district. The animal death rate has also increased to 230



### EHA Relief

EHA has been continuing its relief operations in the districts of Madhipura and Saharsha. EHA relief team continued to serve the flood affected victims in Madhipura and Saharsha by providing cooked meals through the

community kitchens. EHA is also distributing emergency food supplies and hygiene kits to the internally displaced families.

In response to the increasing cases of diarrhea and other water-borne diseases being reported in the relief camps, EHA is conducting medical relief operations in the relief camps and providing medical relief to the patients.

In the past week, the EHA relief team provided 44,845 meals in Madhipura and surveyed 479 households. In order to expand the relief operations the team further conducted a survey to explore two unreachable areas of Dinapati and Jorgawa, where thousands of Harijans have been trapped.

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